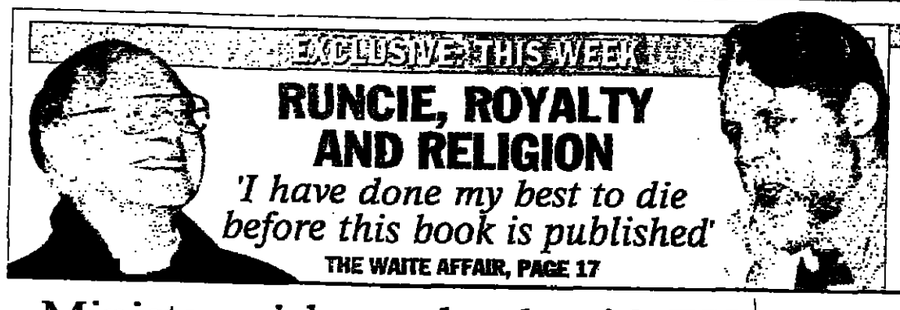
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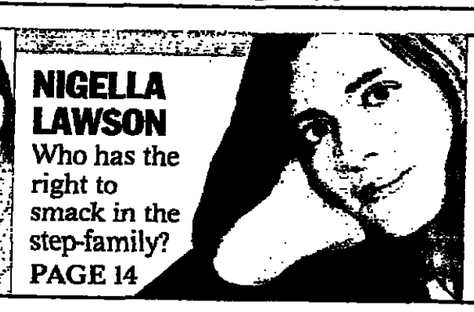


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Ministers risk new battle with EU

Britain is set to abandon mad cow cull

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NIGEL HAWKES

THE planned slaughter of 125,000 cattle is likely to be shelved by ministers tomorrow, and the cull — designed to persuade Europe to lift the ban on British beef exports — may never be carried out.

The move, which could inflame the dispute between Britain and her European partners, comes in the light of new research suggesting that "mad cow" disease will die out naturally in five years and reflects ministers' pessimism that the EU will agree to raise the ban this autumn. Conservative business managers also doubt that the order authorising the cull would get through the House of Commons.

No new cases of the CJD variant which sparked the beef crisis have been reported in the past three months and Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, is now expected to suggest to the ministerial committee on the BSE crisis that the whole culling scheme be reviewed.

A decision to shelve or reduce the culling programme would inflame tensions with the European Commission and individual member states, and put a big hole in the Florence summit agreement which ended the British policy of non-cooperation with the EU. But it would delight the farming community and Conservative MPs from rural areas who have become increasingly vociferous in their opposition to the slaughter.

Mr Hogg will meet Franz Fischler, the European Farm Commissioner, on Monday to discuss the prospects for lifting the ban, but the indications have not been favourable. The minister is understood to believe that with if there is little likelihood of the ban being lifted soon, there is no point in pressing ahead with a cull that had never been justified on scientific grounds.

Ministers agree, however, that some 22,000 cattle should be slaughtered as a result of the discovery in August that BSE can be passed from mother to calf. Mr Hogg immediately accepted that the slaughter scheme should be widened to include a limited number of the "last born" calves from infected cows.

An Oxford University study showing that BSE was in rapid decline, that it was likely to peter out by 2001 and that slaughtering thousands more cows would not hasten the process has meanwhile added fuel to the internal Tory debate.

Under present plans, MPs would consider the order authorising the selective cull next month, and it would be put into effect almost immediately. But during the summer recess more and more Tory MPs suggested that they would not back the programme, and unless Labour supported the order — which appears unlikely — the Government would not get it through.

Ministers fear that even if the Commons did agree the cull, the European Commission might demand even more. While they accept that it would be difficult to retreat from the Florence deal, they believe they can argue that the situation has changed. An informed source said last night: "The world of science has moved on since Florence. We have followed science so far and we must take account of the new evidence."

The British Association for the Advancement of Science was meanwhile being told that no cases of the new form of Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease had been confirmed since the end of May, leaving the total at 12.

Professor John Pattison of University College London said: "That means the news could have been very much worse. But good news will be a lot of time to be sure of."

In March, when the new strain was first identified and tentatively linked to infected beef, Professor Pattison suggested that there could eventually be 500,000 cases.

Legal aid plans abandoned

The Government has shelved proposals which would have stopped legal aid for undeserving cases and forced people to pay towards their legal aid bills.

The reforms, which were a central part of the White Paper on the £1.4 billion legal aid scheme published by the Lord Chancellor in July, are not now expected to appear in the Queen's Speech this autumn. **.....Page 2**

ANDRE CAMARA



Ross and Carolyn Jenkins, who say they will sue the Great Ormond Street children's hospital after a doctor there was criticised by a coroner for "unwise and erroneous" actions which led to the death of their daughter Debbie, six

Swiss bankers told to repay £4.6 billion of Nazi gold

BY MICHAEL BINYON AND JAMES LANDALE

A HUGE hoard of gold looted by the Nazis during the Second World War is still being held in Swiss banks, the Foreign Office disclosed yesterday — and now Britain is to ask for it back.

A top Swiss bank official has admitted that gold worth $500 million — £4.6 billion at today's prices — was hidden in the country's vaults, but only a fraction has been surrendered.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, will use a visit to Zurich next week to demand that the Swiss trace and repay the rest. He will tackle his opposite number, Flavio Cotti, in the light of the Foreign Office report he commissioned in response to questions about the Government's role in tracking down the gold and suspicions that Britain was sitting on a fortune.

The report concluded that gold smelted from occupied countries' bullion reserves and concentration camp victims' jewellery was exported to all the neutral countries throughout the war, with by far the largest share going to Switzerland. About $223 million of gold came from Belgium, $193 million from The Netherlands and up to $24 million from Hungary. The ingots were, however, stamped with false pre-war dates so that the Swiss could claim that they did not knowingly receive any plundered gold.

They admitted after the war that they had bought $88 million of gold traceable to Belgium and about $415 million of German gold, but said they could not be held liable to restore all of the looted gold.

After lengthy negotiations, Switzerland agreed in 1946 to repay some 250 million Swiss francs in gold — described by the allies as better than nothing — although neither it nor the gold found hidden in Germany has yet been returned to its owners.

More than 50 years after the German surrender, more than 5,000kg of ingots are also being stored by the Bank of England because of a deadlock over Albanian gold, also held in Britain, which has only recently been broken.

Hundreds of thousands of claimants are seeking repayment and all those who will receive a share have been identified. But most of the gold lost during the war has never been recovered and the Bank of England estimated in 1945 that there was enough to meet only just over half of the claims. "This meant, inevitably, that no country would receive back all the gold it claimed to have lost and that individual claims would be extremely difficult to prosecute," yesterday's Foreign Office report said.

Greville Janner, chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust, which put pressure on Mr Rifkind to initiate the investigation, welcomed the report, but described it as inconclusive and said that it raised as many questions as it answered.

While the report dealt with gold stolen from national banks, it revealed little about gold looted from individuals. He also wanted to know how much gold ended up in Britain and how much was still here.

Eldred Tabachnik, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said: "It's significant because it's the first independent confirmation that Switzerland received a great deal of looted Jewish gold and it's important now that we ascertain how much gold there is and what should be done with it."

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Saddam fires missiles at US planes

IRAQ said last night that its air defence units had fired three missiles at American aircraft policing the no-fly zone in southern Iraq, forcing the "hostile targets" to flee.

An Iraqi military spokesman, quoted by the official Iraqi News Agency, said: "The American enemy planes violated Iraq's air space using bases in Turkey and Saudi Arabia, flying 88 sorties."

Last week Saddam Hussein said he would ignore air exclusion zones declared by America, Britain and France over northern and southern Iraq in the aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War. *(Reuter)*

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Blair kicking us in teeth, say furious union leaders

BY JILL SHERMAN AND PHILIP BASSETT

TONY BLAIR tried last night to defuse the worsening dispute over Labour's plans to curb strike action as trade union leaders accused him of "kicking them in the teeth".

The Labour leader arrived in Blackpool yesterday to face fierce protests from trade unionists over his proposals to force unions to ballot their members again if employers put forward a better offer during a dispute. He was also snubbed by post office union leaders who called two more Royal Mail strikes for this month after pointedly refusing to ballot their members.

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, who is regarded as one of Mr Blair's allies, also fuelled the row by accusing Labour of issuing "confusing statements on the serious issues of avoiding and resolving industrial disputes which take us backwards not forwards".

After a meeting yesterday afternoon, the Communication Workers' Union said that it would hold 24-hour strikes on September 20 and 22. They come after eight previous strikes over pay and working practices. Last night, David Blunkett, Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, intensified trade union anger by announcing a four-point plan to try to prevent damaging public sector disputes. The measures include extending the present pay review bodies to cover other public sector workers and calling on employers and trade unions to enter binding agreements to resolve disputes.

But the plan was thrown into confusion when the Labour leadership appeared to backtrack on one of the main

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"... and this range is particularly popular among revolutionaries"

Fears of surge in winter meningitis

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A SURGE in meningitis cases this winter was predicted by public health specialists yesterday after official figures revealed that last winter's total was the highest for more than 20 years.

The figures, published by the Office for National Statistics, show that the number of meningococcal meningitis cases between October and March was 835, the highest since the early 1970s.

England and Wales were worst affected, and so far there has been no similar rise in Scotland. Sir Kenneth Calman, the Government's chief medical officer, told the Commons health select committee earlier this year that meningitis was the disease he feared most this winter.

The meningococcal form of the disease is the most common, accounting for over half of all cases of meningitis. One in ten of the population carries the bacterium, and can pass it on by close contact. The disease is most common in children aged under four, but last winter there was a sharp rise in the number of teenagers affected. In 1995 it caused 196 deaths.

Cases of meningococcal meningitis rose 27 per cent between the March quarters of 1995 and 1996, from 373 to 475, and cases of meningococcal septicaemia rose 83 per cent, from 207 to 379. Public health specialists say the high rates have continued through the summer.

However, the health department played down the rise. A spokeswoman said: "We dispute the way the figures have been presented. There has been an increase, but not of that order."

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Catherine Cookson does it her way at 90

BY ROBIN YOUNG

AGED 90, Dame Catherine Cookson, whose books have sold more than 100 million copies, is launching a new career as a singer with the release in November of a tape featuring her renditions of old-time favourites and songs she has written herself. Called *Her Way*, the tape has been mixed and cleared of extraneous background noise at the Abbey Road studios immortalised by the Beatles.

Dame Catherine, who is bedridden with a rare blood disorder, recorded some of the songs ten years ago, when she was 80. She said: "I experimented for my own pleasure and discovered that, if I put my heart into it, I could sing."

The tapes were stored in the attic when she became ill, but were recently rediscovered by her husband, Tom. "He played them and we were impresssed as this woman began to sing," she said. "I could not believe it was me."

The tape was played to Ray Marshall, who produces all the Cookson films on television, and he arranged for Colin Towns, who writes scores for television, to provide backing music. Mr Marshall, who is currently shooting another Cookson drama, *The Rag Nymph*, said that a sneak preview of the finished tapes was held at Dame Catherine's ninetieth birthday party, adding: "It was quite something, and had a lot of people in tears — it was very moving."

Dame Catherine intersperses her songs with explanations of what they mean to her. In one example, she says: "My grandfather always sang *Danny Boy* to me when he'd had a drink and was three sheets to the wind."



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Plans to overhaul legal aid system are shelved

FRANCIS GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Plans to stop legal aid funds being wasted on undeserving cases by forcing people to pay towards their legal aid bills have effectively been shelved by the Government.

The reforms, a central part of the White Paper on the £1.4 billion legal aid scheme published by the Lord Chancellor in July, are not now expected to be in the Queen's Speech this autumn.

The measures would have seen people paying far more towards their legal aid bills. In some civil disputes they would have had to make contributions well beyond the end of a case, putting their homes at risk.

The White Paper reforms also included a new, stiffer "deservingness" test aimed at stopping legal aid funds being used on what the Government sees as "too many weak, trivial and undeserving cases". A third measure was to enable people who win a case against a legally-aided opponent to recoup their costs.

However, despite early hopes that the legal aid changes could be part of a likely Bill on civil justice reforms, it now looks certain that they will not be part of the Government's legislative programme in the run-up to a general election.

Instead, the Lord Chancellor's Department is likely to press ahead with those parts of the White Paper which can be implemented without legislation. These are mainly wide-ranging reforms to create a National Health Service-style internal market in legal services, with legal aid delivered under block contracts. Gary Streeter, MP, Junior Minister at the Lord Chancellor's Department, indicated that other parts of the reforms would also be delayed. He told the Justices' Clerks' Society in Warwick that, under the reforms, the Legal Aid Board would be taking over the job of granting criminal legal aid from magistrates' courts.

Instead, all legal aid would be handled by the Legal Aid Board which would award block contracts to law firms and advice agencies. Mr Streeter said yesterday, however, that the change could, realistically, take several years. "Legislation is needed to enable contracting of full legal aid services to advice agencies," he said.

The disclosure that a Legal Aid Bill is effectively shelved comes as the legal profession is preparing a full-scale campaign of opposition to the measures. Today, the Law Society, the solicitors' professional body, and nine advice and civil liberty organisations, will issue a joint statement opposing the proposals.

Russell Wallman, of the Law Society, said he would welcome a gradual approach to the plans, enabling them to be tested in pilot projects and research, rather than swift legislation. He said: "There is, in fact, no need now for legislation to ration legal aid by cash limits because, far from being out of control, the budget has in recent years been underspent."

Nor, he added, was there a need for legislation to create a new "deservingness" test. The granting of legal aid was already controlled by existing rules, although these could be tightened.

Guy Mansfield, QC, vice-chairman of the Bar Council legal aid committee, said it was a pity the Government was not proceeding with a long-overdue reform on the legal aid merits test which, he said, would meet public concern that legal aid goes to deserving cases. "Instead, they will now proceed with other measures which are tinkering at the edges — such as proposals for standard fees for advocates which are simplistic and crude, and amount to a Bar-bashing exercise which will ensure that people on legal aid do not get a competent service."

Labour may hit the wealthy to avoid having to raise top rate for earnings

Blair may adopt US tactic to close tax loopholes

BY PETER RIDDELL

New Labour is launching a fresh drive to encourage young people to join the party by cutting its membership fee to just £1 for those aged 15 to 21. The usual annual fee is £15. In another move, members who pay their subscription for the next three years will get an extra year free.

THE Labour leadership is considering ways of reducing tax loopholes enjoyed by the wealthy as an alternative to raising the top marginal rate of income tax of 40 per cent.

Among the options being examined is a requirement for very wealthy people to pay a set minimum amount of income in tax and limit the total benefits they receive from various tax allowances and loopholes.

The system is a key weapon in America that ensures the very rich pay a significant proportion of their income in tax, however skilful — or devious — their accountants. A second option is to cap the amount people can receive in allowances. Tony Blair accepts that he will have to make clear well before the general election whether a Labour Government would raise the top marginal rate. An announcement is likely after the Budget in November.

Labour leaders have repeatedly said they do not want to reintroduce penal rates of personal taxation. They are also aware that any increase in the top marginal rate, even if it affects only a few people, will be presented and exploited by the Tories as a tax increase and could affect the attitudes of middle income earners, traditionally aspiring to a higher tax bracket.

The party is looking at how the very well-off, those earning well over £100,000 a year, may exploit tax allowances and loopholes to reduce the average rate of tax they pay to below the top 40 per cent marginal rate. Apart from the main personal allowances, there are also ways of reducing tax liabilities by making maximum pension contributions and through various venture capital schemes.

Labour will argue that this small group should pay a "fairer" share of taxes, but the party won't want to be seen to be penalising success, so laying itself open to Tory charges of raising the overall level of taxes.

Left-wingers want to raise taxes on the rich, so that an attack on loopholes could be presented as an alternative to an electorally more risky rise in the top marginal rate, though this has not been ruled out.

There are problems with all the main alternatives to raising the top rate. For instance, the politically strange position could arise that, if the Government insisted that everyone should pay a miminum percentage of their income in tax, the rate might have to be fixed below the top 40 per cent. This would be necessary to prevent the creation of a new steep marginal rate at the level of earnings where the new minimum rate of tax would have to be paid.

There are parallel problems with limiting the total amount of allowances which any individual can enjoy, in effect clawing back some of these allowances. Some of these difficulties could be avoided by phasing in the new arrangements. No decisions have been taken.

Where red tape beats dodgers

BY SARA MCCONNELL

WOULD-BE tax dodgers in the US have a hard time of it. The tax system is specially designed to extract a payment from every individual and company in the country, however clever their accountants and however nifty their manipulation of the system.

The secret weapon of the Internal Revenue Service is the Alternative Minimum Tax, introduced in 1986 in an effort to stop wealthy individuals and companies from taking advantage of tax shelters.

The AMT runs alongside the mainstream tax system and is effectively a second regime in its own right with its own allowances and tax credits. Taxpayers under this regime are allowed less generous tax breaks and have less leeway to put off paying tax until future years. Under the AMT system, individuals pay a flat rate of 26 per cent (28 per cent for taxable income of $175,000 [£116,000] or more) while companies pay a flat rate of 20 per cent.

But, according to Charles Merriman, partner in charge of Ernst & Young's US and international tax desk, the AMT is "outrageously complex and an administrative burden". Some US companies have been forced to make expensive adjustments to their computer systems to take account of two different, parallel tax regimes. On top of this, the system has not led to more tax flowing into US federal coffers.

It is up to taxpayers themselves to assess whether they have to file tax returns under AMT or under the mainstream regime as part of the US self-assessment system.



Tony Blair during a visit to the Andrew oil field in the North Sea yesterday

Blair 'kicking us in teeth'

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proposals. Mr Blunkett and Mr Blair seemed to play down the idea of immediate legislation to force unions to to hold new ballots of their members. Party sources said later that negotiations over all the proposals would start with Acas next Thursday, but if legislation was needed, it would be introduced.

They also made clear that individual members needed to be consulted about new offers and that while other options could be considered, it was likely that that could be done only through legally enforceable second ballots.

Lew Adams, general secretary of the train drivers' union, Aslef, led a hostile reception to Mr Blair. He said that he could not accept the proposals and accused the Labour leadership of "union-bashing and virtually kicking the trade union movement in the teeth". Mr Adams said he could not believe what he was hearing from Labour in warning the unions that legislation would be needed to implement some of the measures. "It is a tragedy that we could see the first Queen's Speech contain the ninth piece of anti-union legislation — coming from Labour. Mr Blunkett would be better employed looking after the unemployed."

Many trade union leaders were also privately angry about comments Mr Blunkett made yesterday morning when, in an article in the *Evening Standard*, he dubbed some unionists as "armchair revolutionaries". He wrote: "An incoming Labour government is not going to tolerate the activities of armchair revolutionaries whose only interest is disruption and who use disputes as an opportunity for mischief-making."

Mr Blair made clear on his arrival that he would disregard the troublemakers within the trade union movement, but he was sure that "sensible" union leaders would support his plans. He denied that he was "bashing" anyone or trying to play politics with anyone. "We are looking at new ways to resolve disputes in a new labour market where there is intense competition round the world," he said, adding: "You are not going to solve the problems of the 21st century with the debates of the 70s and 80s."

Post union chiefs call more strikes

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LEADERS of the main postal union last night announced two further Royal Mail strikes but the rail union called off three of the regional strikes due to hit train services today.

The move by the Communication Workers' Union will lead to the Government suspending, probably today, the Post Office's statutory letter monopoly for a further three months, and could well see Labour Party leaders withdraw their tentative support for the postal strikes.

The two additional 24-hour strikes come after the eight the union has already staged over pay and working practices and which led to the PO's under-£1 letter monopoly being suspended.

The strikes are to begin at 7pm on Friday, September 20, and at 10pm on Sunday, September 22, will severely hit mail services over the whole weekend in what the CWU said last night was a "precursor to a further range of strike action aimed at bringing the dispute to a satisfactory conclusion".

Alan Johnson, CWU's joint general secretary, said: "We have talked to the employer for over two years. We have spent over 100 hours at the conciliation service Acas. We have had cooling-off periods and briefing meetings. The employer has refused to seriously address our concerns. We now have no alternatives left except to intensify the industrial action."

Ministers now hope the new suspension will lead to commercial companies providing letter-carrying services in competition with the PO.

Labour leaders, who have indicated that they would review their support for the PO strikes if more stoppages were called, are expected to consider their attitude towards the strikes — particularly since they were called by the union as party leaders put forward new proposals to try to avert strikes in the public sector.

The strikes planned for today that leaders of the Rail Maritime and Transport union called off would have affected CrossCountry Trains, North London Railways and Merseyrail However, services are expected to be disrupted in four other companies: Regional Railways North East, North West Regional Railways, ScotRail, and South Wales and West Railway. Ballot results from eight other companies will be announced tomorrow.

TUC backs single currency

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY AND JILL SHERMAN

UNIONS are to campaign for Britain to join a single currency at the earliest opportunity despite a warning that rushing in could bring a Labour government down.

The Trades Union Congress endorsed Britain's early entry into monetary union even though Unison abstained and several others including the RMT opposed the idea. John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, called for support because there were more advantages in joining than in staying out.

Opponents fear that trying to meet the strict economic convergence criteria of the Maastricht treaty will mean big cuts in public expenditure and the loss of many jobs.

At a fringe meeting, Ken Livingstone, MP for Brent East, warned Tony Blair that if he took Britain into a single currency from the start his government would be faced with permanent recession. "Within 18 months we would be as unpopular as John Major and the Tories. We would be devastated in local government and the next election. Any talk about the need to get a second term would be washed away."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cable firms force BT to cut prices

British Telecom, losing more than 50,000 customers a month to cable competitors, is cutting its prices. From October 8, the cost of evening and night-time national calls will come down 20 per cent, from 5.8p to 4.65p a minute, while daytime national calls will fall from 9.8p to 8.8p a minute. BT cut international weekend charges earlier this week by between 5 and 23 per cent and yesterday reduced weekday calls between 10 and 25 per cent. A five-minute call to the US next month will be 92p a minute, down 31 per cent from early September. Consumer reaction, page 25

Royal family talks

Senior members of the Royal family and their advisers are to meet at Balmoral this month for a review of the future of the monarchy, for the first time since the Prince of Wales's divorce. They are likely to discuss how to rebuild the Prince's image, the monarch as head of the Church of England, and the 1701 Act of Settlement which debars heirs to the throne from marrying Roman Catholics.

Dunblane memorial

The Prince of Wales has accepted an invitation from relatives of the victims of the Dunblane shooting to attend a memorial service for the 16 children and their teacher who died. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, and George Robertson, the Shadow Scottish Secretary who lives in Dunblane, are also expected to attend the service at Dunblane cathedral on October 9.

School boycott halted

Parents yesterday called off their boycott of a Nottinghamshire school where an allegedly unruly ten-year-old is receiving personal tuition to avoid a strike by teachers. Fifty pupils at Manton Junior School, Worksop, were kept at home for a second day yesterday but parents said they would send them back today as "a show of good faith".

Designer is cleared

The designer of an award-winning building has succeeded in overturning proceedings in which she was convicted of being unqualified as an architect and fined £2,000. Gabriele Bramante, who won four awards for her Citizens' Advice Bureau building in Chessington, Surrey, said she had not been told of the proceedings until they were over.

Abusers to be shielded

People who allegedly abused youngsters from children's homes in Wales are to be granted anonymity. Sir Ronald Waterhouse, chairman of an inquiry ordered by the Welsh Secretary, said at a preliminary hearing in Ewloe, Flintshire, that individuals against whom allegations are made would be referred to by numbers or letters.

Elderly most in fear

Elderly women are more afraid of attack than any other group but are at the least risk, a national police campaign launched yesterday claims. A police fact sheet aimed at reducing anxiety reports that 1 in 3 elderly women feel very unsafe but fewer than 1 in 4,000 will be assaulted. Young men feel the most secure but face a 1 in 38 chance of attack.

First woman top gun

Helen Gardiner, 27, became the RAF's first woman fighter pilot to carry out a live intercept with "unfriendly" aircraft yesterday when she went into action in her Tornado F3 fighter. She was scrambled from RAF Leuchars, Fife, after two Russian maritime patrol aircraft were spotted flying into British airspace to spy on a Nato exercise.

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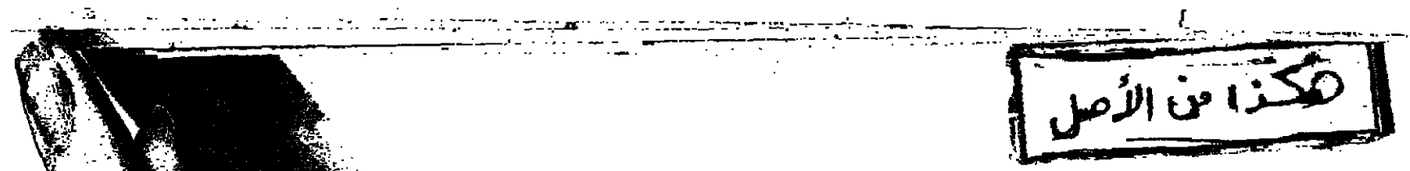
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Consultant is accused of failing to provide adequate supervision of his junior staff

Report into deaths at hospital finds catalogue of errors

By Paul Wilkinson

AN INVESTIGATION into a unit at Grimsby Hospital where three people died and two babies were stillborn has found a catalogue of errors, misjudgments and ineptitude.

A report published yesterday says that delicate surgery was carried out by unsupervised inexperienced staff, patients had been misdiagnosed and complaints wrongly handled.

Michael Muldoon, consultant in charge of the obstetrics and gynaecology department, escaped overall condemnation, but was accused of poor communication, a lack of leadership in specific cases and failing to supervise juniors.

The Northern and Yorkshire region of the NHS executive has sent copies of the report to the General Medical Council for it to consider taking further action. Mr Muldoon, 60, retired last January while the inquiry team of two outside specialists was gathering its evidence.

Michael Hallberg, a former policeman from Louth, Lincolnshire, whose wife Kay died in 1963, six weeks after going into Grimsby Hospital for an apparently routine scrape of the womb, said: "This report is a whitewash, it is a collection of corresponding opposites. On one hand they say Muldoon and his staff did wrong, on the other they say they acted well."

His wife's bowel and uterus were punctured during the operation carried out by Mr Muldoon's registrar and a second operation was carried the next day in an attempt to repair the damage. Some of the wounds were not found, necessitating further operations. Mrs Hallberg, 40, contracted peritonitis, suffered heart and liver damage and required a tracheotomy to relieve lung problems. She also went blind before she died.

"I want to know who killed my wife," Mr Hallberg, 44, said. "I am absolutely disgusted by this report, it answers nothing. I am talking to my solicitor about suing the hospital. They are moral cowards, no one has yet told me why my wife died."

The inquiry report concludes that: "The tragedy might have been avoided by better assessment of the competence and better supervision of the junior doctor before she was allowed to operate on her own and earlier involvement of a general surgeon to deal with the complication of the gynaecological procedure." Mr Hallberg said the junior in question, a Dr Padma, returned to India shortly before his wife's inquest. All inquiries have failed to trace her.

Jane Davies, whose sister Carol Richardson died from massive bleeding after Mr Muldoon accidentally severed an artery during a hysterectomy in August 1990, said: "This report is a load of rubbish. He did not have sufficient expertise or training to do my sister's operation. If he had, my sister would be here today."

The inquiry concludes that "Mr Muldoon should have received further training in the surgical technique before undertaking it on his own." An inquest recorded a verdict of misadventure and the hospital authorities have paid Ms Richardson's family £3,500 in an out-of-court settlement.

Terry and Diane Parnell claimed that their daughter Mishka was brain-damaged in the womb in 1990 during a "blind" amniocentesis test, in which a syringe is inserted to extract fluid to test for Down's syndrome. Three attempts had to be made before a satisfactory sample was obtained. The child was born with scars on her tongue and the back of her head. She died before her third birthday because of her condition. The report acknowledges that the procedure used was acceptable some years ago, but today was done with the benefit of ultrasound scanning to indicate how the baby was lying. It says: "The assessors expressed concerns about Mr Muldoon's knowledge of amniocentesis."

Mr Parnell said last night that he had obtained an independent medical report on his daughter's death which he hoped would form the basis of a claim against the hospital authorities.

In a fourth case, Mr Muldoon rejected a GP's opinion that an expectant mother was diabetic. The woman subsequently suffered two stillbirths attributed to the condition. The report says: "Many essential investigations were not carried out."

The inquiry team examined 18 cases over 20 years and found cause for concern in two-thirds of them. However, it concludes that they were "uncommon events". It considered that overall "the level of care provided by Mr Muldoon was of a satisfactory standard". It makes 51 detailed recommendations which Grimsby Hospital has accepted. An advice line has been set up for concerned patients on 01472 875500.

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Terry and Diane Parnell with son Jack. The parents blame the hospital for their daughter Mishka's death



Mishka Parnell, born with scars, and Michael Muldoon, who did the amniocentesis test on her

Father of Julie Ward halts film

By Carol Midgley

THE father of Julie Ward, the British woman found murdered in a Kenyan game reserve, has halted a BBC film about the hunt for her killers, complaining it was being turned into a Hollywood-style blockbuster.

John Ward, 63, who has waged an eight-year campaign for justice, had agreed to sell the rights to his book to the BBC, which wanted to make a drama-documentary about the story. But he said the corporation later decided to change the project to a full-length feature film and introduced changes to the script.

Mr Ward said the producers did not like the "dull periods" during his investigation and created new action sequences. They wanted to include a fictitious attempt on his life by masked men at Nairobi airport and to show Mr Ward's thriving hotel business going bankrupt because of the amount of time he was spending on the case. He was also to experience severe difficulties with his wife, Janet, as their marriage suffered under the strain.

One of the final straws was that Patrick Stewart, who starred in *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, was being touted to play Mr Ward. Anton Rodgers, the British character actor, was also named as an alternative to Stewart.

"I saw the script and it was unacceptable," said Mr Ward, who had a clause in his contract with the BBC that allowed him to cancel the project if it was not completed within a certain time. "It was supposed to be for television but the BBC got increasingly excited about the project until it was going to be released in cinemas worldwide, then shown on planes, then released on video and shown on TV last of all. Its timescale got longer and longer and that meant that, fortunately, I was able to exercise my option and pull the plug."

Miss Ward, 28, was found murdered in 1988. Her charred remains were discovered in the remote Masai Mara game reserve. Initially the Kenyans insisted she had been eaten by wild animals, but were later forced to admit she had been murdered.

Parents plan to sue Great Ormond Street over heart girl's death

By Tim Jones

A SENIOR doctor at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children was criticised by a coroner yesterday for "unwise and erroneous" actions which led to the death of a six-year-old girl. After the inquest, the parents of Deborah Jenkins said they intended to sue the London hospital.

Ross and Carolyn Jenkins say that Deborah died because the doctor disregarded their wishes and did not obtain their consent for the procedures that were carried out. Stephen Chan, the St Pancras Coroner, recorded a verdict of misadventure. "It is not difficult to understand the parents' sense of outrage and indeed their feeling of betrayal," he said.

Mr and Mrs Jenkins had consented to Deborah being given a diagnostic catheter examination, a routine procedure that involved inserting a probe through the groin and into the heart. But the inquest was told that they had not given permission for a curative procedure that involved inserting a balloon via the catheter to the heart and inflating it to expand the narrowed coronary artery.

Deborah died in July last year when the balloon burst and efforts to retrieve it with another catheter led to a blocked blood flow, causing brain damage. Mr Chan said: "No doubt the doctor's regret at the tragic consequences is of little comfort to the parents. His decision may have been unwise and erroneous, certainly for Deborah, as it contributed to her premature demise."

The coroner said that there was no evidence of gross negligence by Dr James Taylor, the consultant paediatric cardiologist. "I am satisfied he was acting conscientiously and carefully and was sincere in his belief that he was acting in the best interests of his patient."

The inquest was told that Deborah, from Sprowston, near Norwich, had been born with serious heart defects and had undergone two open-heart operations. It was only when she was on the operating table the day before she died that Dr Taylor and his team discovered that a conduit which had been inserted into her artery had been narrowed because of the pressure of the muscle.

Dr Taylor said in evidence that he realised the condition could be rectified by a balloon catheter. He tried without success to get hold of Mrs Jenkins to seek her approval. He decided to proceed with the balloon probe as the alternative would have been to subject Deborah to another operation involving heart surgery.

After the verdict, Mr Jenkins, 39, said: "Dr Taylor did what he had no authority to do. I am not impressed with him at all. He has got to go. We are going to take litigation against Great Ormond Street Hospital. I don't care what it costs." Mrs Jenkins said: "I only signed consent for a diagnostic inspection and now she is dead."

A statement from the hospital said that Dr Taylor attempted to obtain permission from Deborah's family but they were not available in the short time in which he had to make the decision. The statement added: "Any child's death is deeply saddening, especially one such as Deborah's, whom we had looked after since she was very young."



Deborah Jenkins: born with heart defects

Girl who survived murder attack recalls the killer

By Lin Jenkins

JOSEPHINE RUSSELL, the nine-year-old girl left for dead after a frenzied attack that killed her mother and sister, now has a clear memory of the double murder and has given details to the police.

She was left with the speech level of a two-year-old after surgery on her battered skull but she can now recall the events of the afternoon of July 9. Doctors had thought that the shock of what happened, or the operation on her brain, might have left her memory blank.

However, she has been able to tell police about the afternoon her mother Lin, 45, and sister Megan, 6, were murdered as the three of them walked home across country from school in the next Kent village of Goodnestone.

She has told police about a man fitting the description of the one seen in the area by others that day. Detective Chief Inspector Dave Stevens said: "We have devised a method of communicating with Josephine. Over a period of weeks we have been going back over her life and personal details and we have now started filmed interviews about the events of July 9.

"It is obvious that Josephine has a clear memory about the attack and she has already provided us with information that backs up the description of a man seen near the murder scene and other details. This could be a turning point."

Detective Constables Pauline Smith and Ed Tingley have been with Josephine since the attack and have been coaxing information from her using models and games. Her father, Dr Shaun Russell, said: "When I first started to prepare her for these interviews she was upset and reluctant to do it. But now it has started she is very keen and is co-operating very well."

Dr Russell said that Josephine was beginning to show more anxiety as she recalled the events of July 9. "When she was in hospital and couldn't remember anything she was more or less constantly happy. But as she has remembered more and more her happiness has decreased and periods of anxiety and worriedness have increased."

Dr Russell said also that he plans to move house and perhaps go back to Wales where they used to live, or take up another post in Africa. "The more I see Josie afraid in the place we live, the more I want to move away."



Josephine with her father, Dr Shaun Russell, who says her memories are now causing her distress

Jealous boy given life for murder

By Shirley English

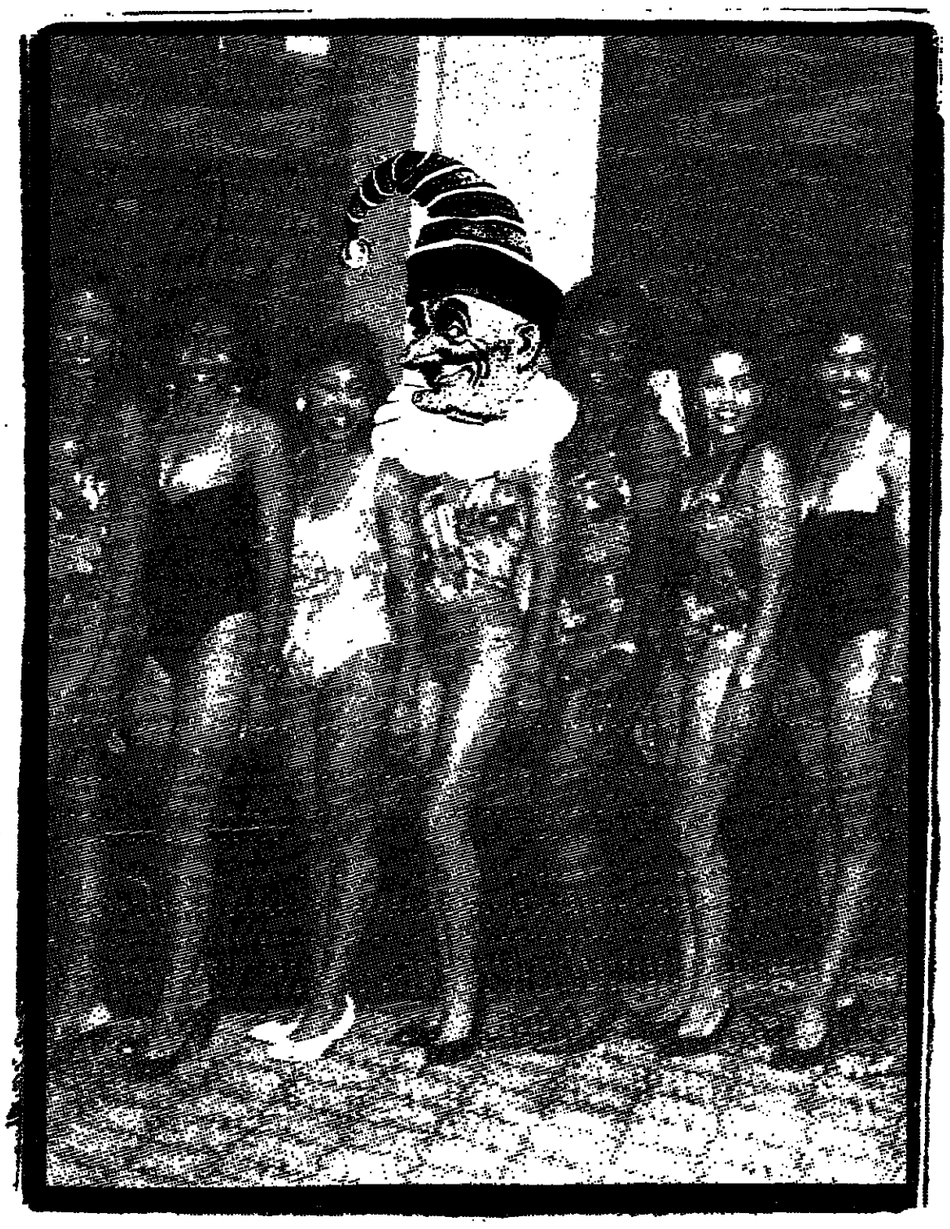
A JEALOUS 14-year-old boy became one of Scotland's youngest convicted murderers yesterday when he was given a life sentence for killing a married man who allegedly flirted with his girlfriend.

The teenager showed no emotion as he was told by a judge at Edinburgh High Court that he would be "detained without limit of time".

A jury found him guilty of the murder of Scott Fraser, 26, of Carronshore, near Falkirk. Co-accused Paul Halliday, 23, of Carron, Falkirk, was also found guilty and jailed for life.

The court was told that Halliday and the boy followed Mr Fraser home along a disused railway track near Carronshore. They attacked him once, then left, only to return with two girls to batter and stamp on him again. Mr Fraser had severe brain injuries after being punched, kicked and stamped on. The judge, Lord Abernethy, refused to allow the boy to be named as he was under 16 and might appeal.

Yesterday, Margaret Fraser, 34, the dead man's widow, who has a son Christopher, 3, said the claim that her husband had flirted with the 18-year-old girl was a "cock and bull story".



Cantona is sued over 'hotel brawl'

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

A BUSINESSMAN is to sue Eric Cantona for damages, alleging that the Manchester United captain assaulted him at a hotel in Chester.

A preliminary hearing of the civil action brought by Tom Doyle, 38, a salesman from Liverpool, will be heard in private by Judge David Gee after a fracas at the hotel where several United players were celebrating a win at the local races. The 30-year-old French international denies the allegations.

Ricky Weatherburn, a Northampton company director, said that in May 1994, when the alleged incident International hotel, the England and former Manchester United midfield player Paul Ince had suffered racist taunts from other customers.

Mr Weatherburn said: "Somebody hit me and my mate threw a punch at someone else. Then all hell broke loose." It was claimed that tables and chairs were overturned in the turmoil that followed.

Mr Doyle alleges that he was assaulted as the players left the premises.

The footballers had been to the races at Chester as the guests of the jockey Walter Swinburn. They had backed winning several hundred pounds.

Maurice Watkins, the Manchester United director and solicitor who was in Turin yesterday for the side's match against Juventus in the European Cup Champions' League tonight, said: "This case is in the Liverpool County Court and in the nature of an arbitration proceedings. The action is being defended but, with a case pending, I do not think it is appropriate to make any further comment."

Neither Cantona nor Mr Doyle need be present at the hearing at Liverpool County Court next Wednesday, which will be held in chambers.

They can be represented by their solicitors and would give evidence in person only if the judge decides there should be a full hearing in open court.

Cantona: denies claim

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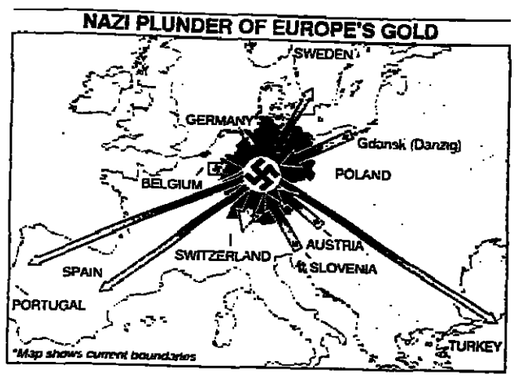
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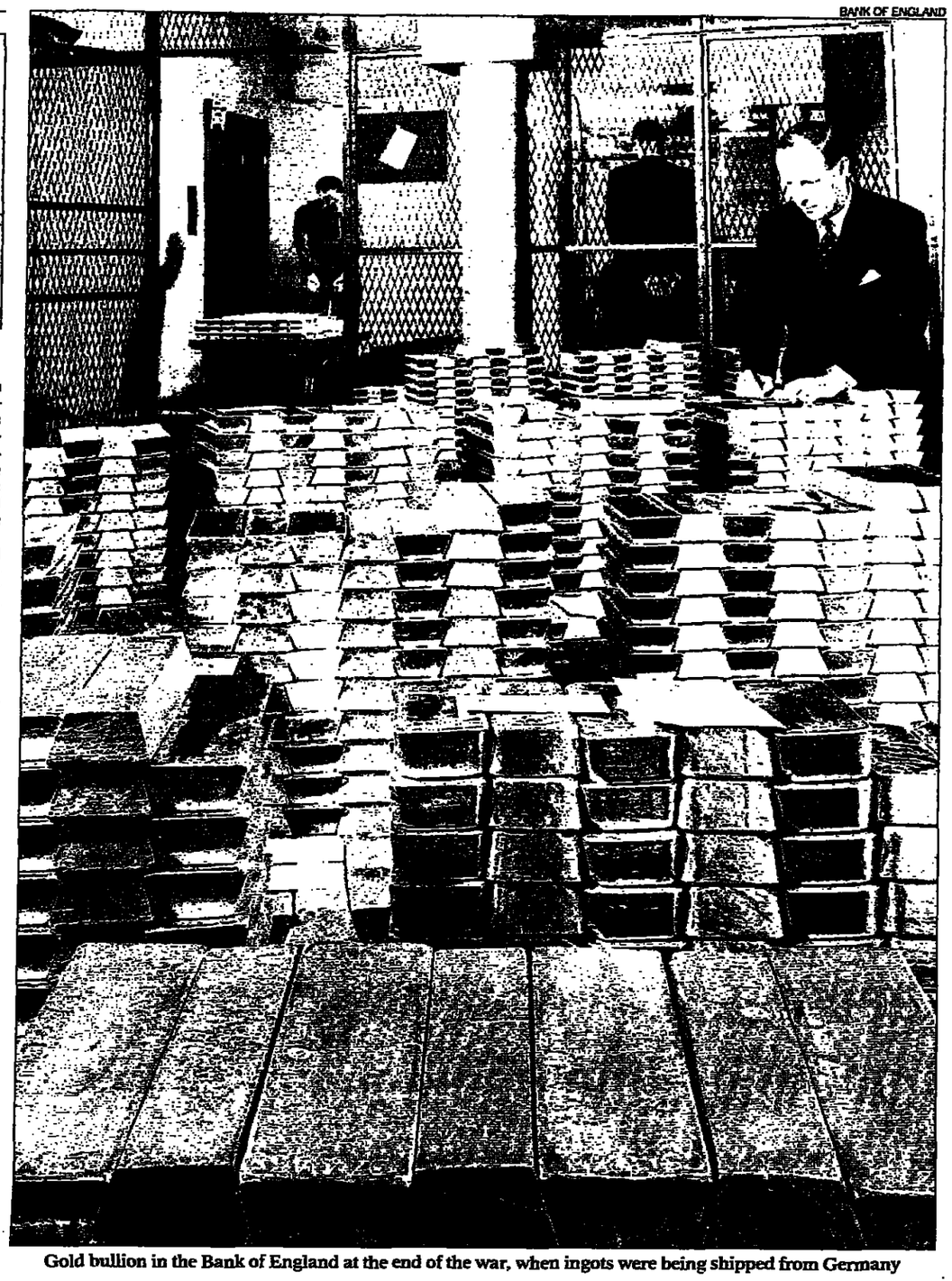
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Efforts to return stolen gold thwarted by greed, confusion and legal wrangles

Nazi thieves left a wound that will not heal




BANK OF ENGLAND

Gold bullion in the Bank of England at the end of the war, when ingots were being shipped from Germany

Experts to scrutinise secret dealings

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

SWITZERLAND was urged yesterday to publish a full record of its wartime financial dealings with the Nazi regime, after Britain said the Swiss may have turned over only part of the gold they acknowledged buying from the Germans.

Officials said the British and Swiss Foreign Ministers were likely to discuss the matter in Switzerland next week. Legislation is being prepared in Geneva to allow a commission of experts to take an unhindered look at Swiss financial dealings with the Nazis, regardless of banking secrecy laws.

The Swiss Foreign Ministry said the inquiry, which would have to be approved by parliament, would examine all the dealings of private and public financial institutions with Germany after 1933.

The Foreign Office did not confirm claims by Jewish groups that a secret deal was struck between the neutral Swiss and America, Britain, France and Russia. However, it said there was speculation over the amounts involved. There was some confusion over the exact figures because of fluctuations in exchange rates, gold prices and inflation over 50 years.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has begun an internal inquiry into allegations that several of its delegates collaborated with the Nazis. The World Jewish Congress and the American Senate Banking Committee have given the organisation the names of about 30 suspected collaborators drawn from American archives.

The ICRC said that ten been identified as working for the International Red Cross and six others worked for national Red Cross societies in occupied Europe.

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Nazi Gold: Information from the British Archives

Yesterday's report from the Foreign Office

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

GOLD has proved to be the most intractable legacy of the Second World War. More than 50 years after Hitler's defeat, governments, refugees and Holocaust victims' families are still waiting for their share of the $84 million held in British and American banks.

Efforts to trace the missing ingots and return them to their rightful owners have been frustrated by greed, confusion and legal wrangles. But the main problem has been the nature of the metal itself: the jewellery, coins, heirlooms and Jewish sacred objects plundered all over Europe from families imprisoned or exterminated were all sent to a central smithy, melted down and turned into ingots whose provenance can never now be established.

Yesterday the Foreign Office responded to the growing concern over the gold and suspicion that intelligence documents had been held back by releasing a summary of the Government's role in tracing the Nazi gold and the attempt to compensate the victims of Nazi looting.

A 23-page pamphlet, compiled on orders of Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, from government archives, makes public the long negotiations, diplomatic arguments and terse exchanges between the Allies. These have now all been made public; most were published 40 years ago.

As the pamphlet makes clear, two main difficulties, both during and after the war, have haunted all efforts to reach a just settlement: how to prevent the Germans sending their ill-gotten loot abroad — principally to Switzerland; and how to persuade the neutral countries that received tons of smelted gold from Germany to pay the money back after 1945.

Allied monitoring of Nazi gold deals began before the war. By September 1939, German holdings had swollen by some $97 million worth of gold from Austria, Czechoslovakia and Danzig. The Reichsbank maintained that it had reserves in 1939 to be $71 million, the same figure as in 1937; the Bank of England considered the true figure to be nearer $111 million.

But the war proved costly for Germany. Reserves were so depleted that Germany had defaulted on loans, exhausted its credit and almost all trade had to be on a barter basis. The war could be financed only by systematic plunder — of state treasuries, especially $223 million of Belgian gold, $193 million from Holland and $24 million from Hungary, and of personal assets, particularly those of the Jews. Britain estimated in 1945 that Germany had plundered $550 milion — almost certainly an underestimate.

Germany used its gold to buy raw materials and vital foreign currency. The main route was via Switzerland, but other neutral countries — Portugal and Sweden, and to a lesser extent Spain and Turkey — also received German gold. The Allies tried to monitor the sums to provide evidence of plundering. But the Reichsbank sent out ingots that had been resmelted and backdated to a period before the war.

Banking records confiscated after the war show the elaborate deception. Booty seized by the Wehrmacht was sent directly to the Reich's Treasury; that seized by the SS was handled exclusively through the Reichsbank, where it was received into a holding account in the name of "Melmer" and its value transferred after assessment to an account in the name of "Max Heiliger".

Dr Puhl, of the Reichsbank, admitted under interrogation in 1945 that all gold was resmelted to conceal its origins; much was sent abroad. Britain estimated that by March 1943 Germany had sold more gold than it had held in 1939.

Britain and America were unsure how to put pressure on the Swiss not to accept the gold. Switzerland, entirely surrounded by the Axis powers, could not be coerced. Any outright embargo on Switzerland would also prevent the Allies from obtaining the Swiss francs they needed. Instead Britain and America issued in January 1943 a declaration in which they reserved their rights "to declare invalid any transfers of, or dealings with, property, rights and interests . . . which are, or have been, situated in the territories which have come under the occupation or control, direct or indirect, of the Governments with which they are at war."

The warning was political; the Treasury had doubts. The Bank of England thought it would simply drive the Germans into more elaborate deceptions to conceal their looting of Europe. But the Government decided that the neutrals must be bluntly told that if they accepted gold from Germany they would be liable to "claims under the terms of the Inter-Allied declaration". The Bank of England also said it would pay no interest or dividends to anyone living in Sweden or Switzerland until those two countries declared that their gold holdings were "free from enemy taint".

The Treasury was reluctant, but Mr Cobbold of the Bank of England told the Swiss embassy in London that he could rely on his country having "the maximum amount of trouble" after the war.

The problem, as the Allies later discovered, was that this was a bluff. The Swiss, realising the way the war was going, belatedly said that they would not accept any gold from anyone in German-occupied territory, and in December 1944 blocked all Hungarian, Slovak and Croatian accounts in Switzerland. But the end of hostilities revealed the allied weakness; they had no legal way to compel the Swiss to hand over the gold.

With all the other neutral states, the Swiss claimed that such a demand violated their neutral status. They agreed, after being urged on moral grounds, to begin talks. The Americans said they held $200 million worth of Nazi gold. At first they denied all knowledge, but when talks became heated Mr A. Hirs, their chief negotiator, let slip that Swiss banks had $500 million worth.

Finally in May 1946, they agreed to a one-off payment of 250 million Swiss francs in gold to the Federal Reserve Bank in New York. The Allies, angry but impotent, decided this was the best deal on offer and waived all further claims against the Swiss. The Swiss later made a further ex-gratia payment of 121.5 million Swiss francs. But they kept, in the end, about seven eighths of all the German gold deposited.

The New York sum formed the basis of the allied Tripartite Gold Commission. The hunt was also on for gold hidden in Germany. The occupation forces found a hoard of about £54 million worth in a salt mine in Merkers, but reckoned it was only a fifth of all German gold. The Americans found several other hoards in their zone, and an informant also revealed a cache amassed by von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, which was guarded by the German Foreign Office.

All the gold was gathered together in Frankfurt then sent to London and New York for safekeeping pending distribution. The problem then was to decide how to give it back. Britain argued that all rightful owners should get back their goods, but most of the gold had been melted down and was untraceable. Instead, the Americans suggested it should be distributed in proportion to the claims by those countries that had lost gold. This formula was accepted: payment would be compensation rather than restitution.

Dozens of obstacles have held up payment. The main one is that the sums claimed far exceed the gold found; the Bank of England estimated in 1945 that just over half the amount was available. The other problem has been individual restitution, especially to the relatives of families killed in the war.

The other main difficulty has been calculating the value of what remains. The prices were all worked out in exchange rates of 1945 and 1947. Distribution has also been complicated by the issue of Albanian gold. This entirely extraneous question arose after Britain, which held gold in trust, refused to return it until the Albanians offered compensation for a British warship sunk in 1946.

That issue dragged on for more than 40 years; an agreement was reached only five years ago, and it was only last week that the Albanian parliament ratified the deal. For the first time since 1945, the way is now open to pay the Nazis' victims compensation for some of what they lost.

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US officials inspecting 100 tons of Nazi gold captured in 1945. Much of it came from jewellery, coins and Jewish sacred objects plundered all over Europe

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British Association: scientists' research casts fresh light on mysteries ancient and modern

Musical relics cast ancient man as father of the blues

REPORTS BY NIGEL HAWKES AND NICK NUTTALL

EARLY man could play the blues, a study of ancient instruments has suggested.

The musical ancestors of Charlie Parker played flutes made from the bones of large birds, such as vultures. The flutes were simple instruments, examples of which have been found in caves dating from up to 24,000 years ago.

In some relics the positioning of the drilled holes and the worn patches of bone caused by fingering techniques are evidence that the players could "bend" notes as skilfully as a modern jazz performer, giving their music colour and emotion.

Flutes of this type were still being used in Roman and Anglo-Saxon times and large numbers of them, often made from the shin-bones of sheep, have been found in archaeological sites. Replicas moulded from plastic reveal a range of tunings, the British Association meeting in Birmingham was told yesterday.

Graeme Lawson, of the Music-Archaeological Survey in Cambridge, said that some of the bone instruments showed signs of having been extensively used and cherished. There was evidence of the use of musical intervals roughly corresponding to today's tones and semitones. But the instruments were different in having nuances of pitch to provide colour to the scales. Did the originators deliberately create such "blue" tunings, he asked, or were they simply evidence of clumsy construction?

The signs were that they were deliberate. The distances between the finger holes on different instruments were rarely uniform and in some cases scratched markers suggested careful laying-out, based on calculation or the application of some rule of thumb. The undercutting of the finger-holes after drilling showed evidence of still finer adjustment. "Clearly, simple though these instruments seem, they are embodiments of very special musical requirements and complex cultural systems," he said.

The research programme now aims to study the oldest instruments, comparing them with the more recent Roman and Anglo-Saxon pipes. From traces of the surface taken by scanning electron microscopes, the researchers hope to learn more about the fingering techniques used by pipers 24,000 years ago.

The familiar tuning of modern instruments was developed to bring order to what was seen as musical chaos. But instruments from the Stone Age up to Roman and medieval times revealed a freer musical taste. The early musicians would have made their own instruments, tuning them by drilling holes in the correct places and making them bigger or smaller.

Dr Lawson, who demonstrated how to play a flute made from sheep bone, said: "It looks like it was a preference. Certainly in the Anglo-Saxon and Roman period when we looked at the instruments closely not only have the finger holes been drilled with the point of a knife, but they have been drilled in accordance with markers put on the surface of the bone beforehand. Some of the holes are undercut. They have clearly been trying to adjust them to hit a pattern they had in mind."

Close examination of the hole rims showed areas that were polished, suggesting sliding with the fingertips.

MICHAEL POWELL



Graeme Lawson with prehistoric and medieval flutes made from animal bone

Scan may read coma victims' thoughts

SCIENTISTS believe it may be possible to communicate with coma victims by reading their minds.

Dr Stephen Roberts of Imperial College, London, told the British Association that in healthy people, tiny electrical signals in the brain can be detected by a grid of electrical contacts over the head. The signals appear if the volunteers move their fingers but also if they merely think of moving their fingers.

Dr Roberts hopes the same will be true of patients in a deep coma. Several who have returned to consciousness have reported that they could understand what people were saying but were unable to respond.

In trials at the Royal Hospital for Disability in Putney, west London, next year, he will ask comatose patients to think of moving either their right or left index fingers. Brain signals will be analysed in a "neural net" computer.

Over some 100 tests, it should be possible to determine whether a patient can understand the instructions, and even to conduct a simple conversation in which yes and no are linked to moving the right or left index fingers.

Dr Roberts hopes that the technique may enable people with total paralysis to control wheelchairs or computers.

IN BRIEF

Motorway travel made easy

Motorways in the year 2020 might be like computerised conveyor belts, the chairman and chief executive of Jaguar said. Vehicles would lock into tracks planted in roads and cruise at constant speeds at set distances apart, Nick Scheele told the festival.

With such stress-free driving, collision guidance systems using short-distance radar would help to reduce accidents although drivers would have to stay alert should dashboard computers fail or the unforeseen happen.

Early man 'no slouch'

Early man walked upright, according to Dr Robin Crompton of Liverpool University. He and colleagues used a computer simulation to prove that our ancestors never stooped with knuckles grazing the ground. This would have used too much energy and overheated the body, he said.

A computer model based on a fossil hominid found in Ethiopia simulated the skeleton walking in a slouch. It fell over repeatedly.

Maths slide 'continues'

The introduction of the national curriculum has failed to halt the decline in mathematics or reading in primary schools, Professor Robert Campbell of Warwick University said. But he denied that there was a crisis in reading, as some have claimed.

He said the overall evidence suggested that teaching was "at least moderately effective in around 80 per cent of schools, with some serious problems of teaching in a small minority".

Aliens, night flights and things that go bump are all in the mind



Blackmore: said sleep paralysis was to blame

MORE THAN a million Britons believe that they have been abducted by aliens and taken on rides across space and time, and more than half the population has woken from sleep to sense a strange presence in the room, a British psychologist claimed yesterday.

Dr Sue Blackmore said these and scores of so-called paranormal experiences — including out-of-body sensations and the sighting of ghosts — can be explained as unusual electrical activity in key parts of the brain.

"My research shows that these are really common experiences. Those doctors who say that they are a symptom that someone is ill are wrong: they are actually ordinary experiences. People who have them need reassurance, not drugs," said Dr Blackmore, who is based at the University of the West of England.

A survey carried out in Bristol of about 200 adults and 120 children found that many had had strange experiences at least once. Some 33 per cent of children claimed they had seen a ghost while only 12 per cent of adults said they had seen one. Out-of-body experiences, in which people believe they are flying over their body and floating across rooms, streets or fields, were cited by a third of those interviewed.

Waking up to feel a presence, normally described as an evil one, in the room has happened to 56 per cent of children and 68 per cent of adults. False awakenings, in which someone believes they have woken up but is really still dreaming, is an experience reportedly shared by 57 per cent of children and 82 per cent of adults.

About 2 per cent of the population believe they have been abducted by aliens and Dr Blackmore said she believes they are suffering from a phenomenon known as sleep paralysis. When people dream, their bodies become temporarily paralysed, preventimg them acting out their dreams and endangering themselves. Her research has found that about 45 per cent of people become paralysed before they fall asleep or when they wake up at least once in their lives. "Normally you know nothing about sleep paralysis. However, occasionally something goes wrong with the mechanism, for example if you are very tired, overworked, excited or worried," Dr Blackmore said.

The researcher has gathered more than 100 cases of the phenomenon which confirm her suspicions that "alien abductions" are linked with this kind of paralysis. "There are certain features that come up again and again. There are strange whining noises. One described loud screaming and high-pitched laughter and another said she had experienced a roaring noise in her head," Dr Blackmore told the British Association.

Many report feeling vibrations and "shakings and judderings" and others talk of figures at the foot of the bed. There are pressing sensations like alien hands holding the sleep-paralysed person's fingers or forcing themselves on to their body.

Dr Blackmore, who is set to carry out laboratory tests, is convinced that electrical firings of different parts of the brain and a combination of sleep paralysis in many cases is the key to scores of supernatural experiences. "It is known that sense of presence can be created by stimulating the temporal lobes of the brain. Stimulating the temporal lobe with electrodes can give rise to out-of-body experiences and mystical experiences," she said.

Dr Blackmore said some people had more active or unstable temporal lobes than others. This had been linked with artistic talent.

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Telepathy 'more widespread than is thought'

MOST people may have some psychic or telepathic ability, a leading researcher into the paranormal said at the festival yesterday. Experiments across the world had found evidence that appeared to show that people were aware of facts which they could not have found out through normal perception.

Dr Deborah Delanoy, of Edinburgh University's psychology department, admitted there were phenomena that scientists could not yet explain and should not dismiss out of hand. "We have a group of consistent findings across a quite large number of studies that are indicating that something that we currently do not understand is going on. We cannot explain it. But that is not to say we are not dealing with some type of error not yet recognised. If so it could be affecting all our science."

Dr Delanoy added that psychic ability might be spread widely but unevenly among the population. "It's like music. There would be Mozarts and there would be people with virtually no ability. Most of us would be somewhere in between."

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

BEAN bags filled with polystyrene balls were once props without which no university student's room was complete. Twenty years ago they symbolised freedom from parents and their traditional furniture.

More recently, it is the family dog that seems to have monopolised the bean bag and the generation who once sat and slept on the bags are now parents themselves. All parents should heed the warning in a report in the *American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology*, and which is also being carried in Britain by the magazine *General Practitioner*.

American researchers have studied 35 cases of babies who died after being put to sleep on a bean bag. All were found face down on the bag at the time of death. Half the children were less than two months old and in most cases, after a post-mortem examination, the cause of death was given as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Even without the additional evidence, it has been accepted since 1992 that bean bags are dangerous to children and they have been banned in America. It was found that many children choked to death on the polystyrene balls.

No child should be allowed to sleep on a bean bag in any posture but the research has underlined how important it is to place children on their backs when they go to sleep. The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths said its new studies had confirmed the reduction of deaths when babies were placed on their backs in their cots — not face-down or even on their sides.

Recent research has again demonstrated the increase in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome when mothers had smoked in pregnancy or when parents continued to smoke after the birth of their child.

The foundation says the temperature of a baby's room is of importance, and recommends that it be kept at between 18C and 21C.

New research has led experts to suggest that when babies are put to bed they should have their cots made up so that their feet touch the foot of the cot. A bed made in this way prevents the children from snuggling under the covers.

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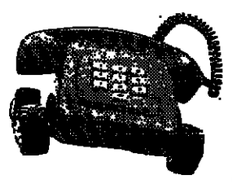
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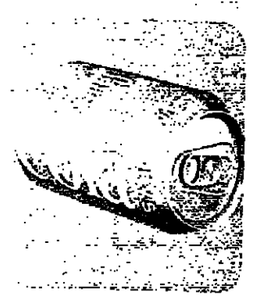


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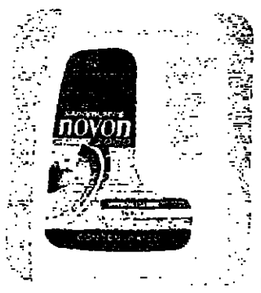
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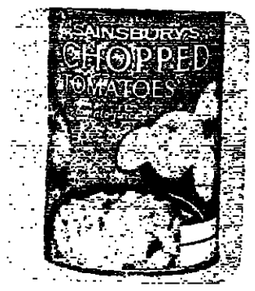
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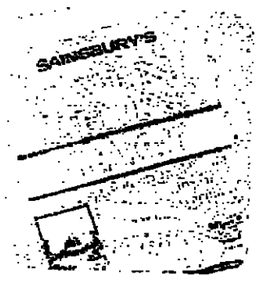
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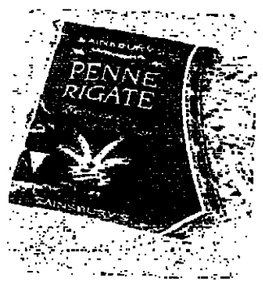
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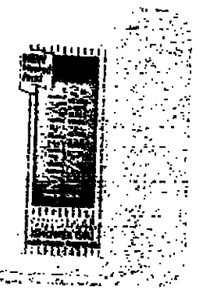




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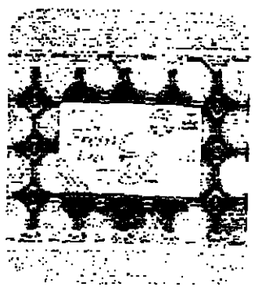
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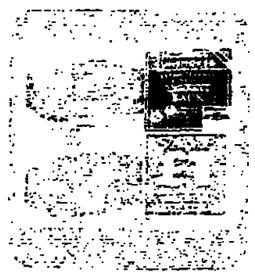


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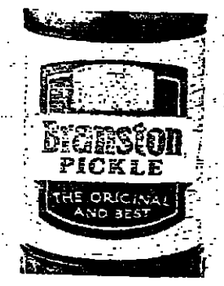


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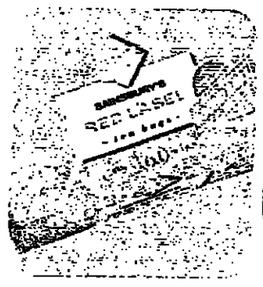


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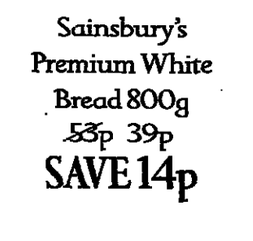


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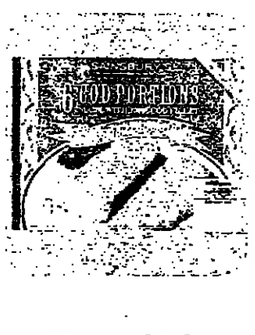
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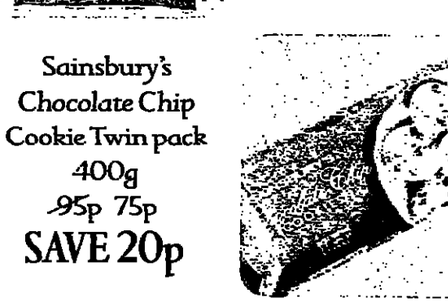


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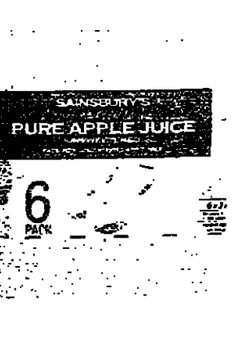


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Loyalists threaten revenge for farmer's eviction

BY NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

LOYALIST terrorists have threatened to kill a group of Irish businessmen who bought a large farm in the Irish Republic from a Protestant family who had been evicted from the land.

Irish police have provided tight security for five members of the board of Donegal Creameries after they had been contacted by a terrorist from the Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF) who said that the eviction in Co Donegal was sectarian. The UFF also threatened to kill security men and a Dublin accountant who had been involved in the eviction of Eric Graham and his family from their 3,000-acre estate near Burnfoot last month.

The UFF leadership is understood to have dissociated itself from the threat, which was issued by the organisation's north Antrim and Londonderry brigade. There are now fears that the move by one of the UFF's most brutal groups, which murdered seven people in a gun attack on a Co Londonderry bar in 1993, could mark a widening of the feud among loyalists.

The terrorists acted last week, a fortnight after the Grahams had been evicted by bailiffs wearing balaclavas and carrying sledgehammers. The family bought the farm for £3 million in 1989, but stopped making mortgage payments to the National Irish Bank in 1992 after a series of disagreements over a £2.3 million loan. The receivers were called in four months later and an eviction order granted by the High Court in Dublin.

Last week Donegal Creameries, which is a co-operative, bought the farm from the National Irish Bank for £3.7 million. The company said it moved quickly to ensure that the farm's 413,000-gallon milk quota would remain in Co Donegal. John Keon, managing director of Donegal Creameries, who received the first death threat in an anonymous telephone call on Friday, said he was astonished by claims that the purchase of the farm was an attempt to "land-grab" from Protestants. Mr Keon is a Roman Catholic, but the four other board members who have received threats are Protestants.

He said: "We have a multi-denominational board and until now we have never paid attention to whether anyone is a Protestant or a Catholic. My impression is that the UFF may have been given an inadequate version of events."

Mr Graham, who ran the farm with his brother and father, dissociated his family from the threats and said he had no connection with loyalist paramilitaries. "I know there are people who felt that Donegal Creameries were land-grabbing from members of the minority community in Donegal when they bought the farm," he said. "But we have no control over what extreme elements can do."

The UFF said it issued the threat after coming under intense pressure to help Protestant farmers in Burnfoot, which is a few miles from the border. A spokesman said: "The feeling up here is very, very strong. Nobody has done anything for the Grahams or the Protestant farmers. The perception is that an entire Protestant community is being persecuted."

Donegal is one of the three Ulster counties which was not included in Northern Ireland when the country was partitioned in the 1920s. The county has a sizeable Protestant population, most of whom have integrated well into the Republic. However, some feel isolated and echo the thoughts of an Ulster landlord who said in 1920 that the Protestants of Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan were thrown to the wolves when Ireland was partitioned.

☐ The British and Irish Governments will decide today whether to expel the fringe loyalist parties from multiparty talks in Northern Ireland after recent death threats against two militant loyalists by the Protestant paramilitary leadership.

The Democratic Unionists called for the Progressive Unionist Party and the Ulster Democratic Party, the political wings of the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defence Association, to be expelled after they refused to condemn the death threats. The DUP claimed that the loyalist parties had breached the Mitchell principles on non-violence, to which all participants at the Stormont talks had signed up, by not condemning the loyalist paramilitary death threat against Portadown loyalist Billy Wright.

In a joint paper presented to a full session of the talks yesterday, the PUP and the UDP said that they subscribed to the Mitchell principles. They added that they resolutely opposed the use or threat of violence from whatever source.

David Trimble, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, said that the paper might resolve the issue if it covered the loyalists' response to the death threats. It is understood that the two governments were keen to work out a way of allowing the loyalists to remain at the talks.

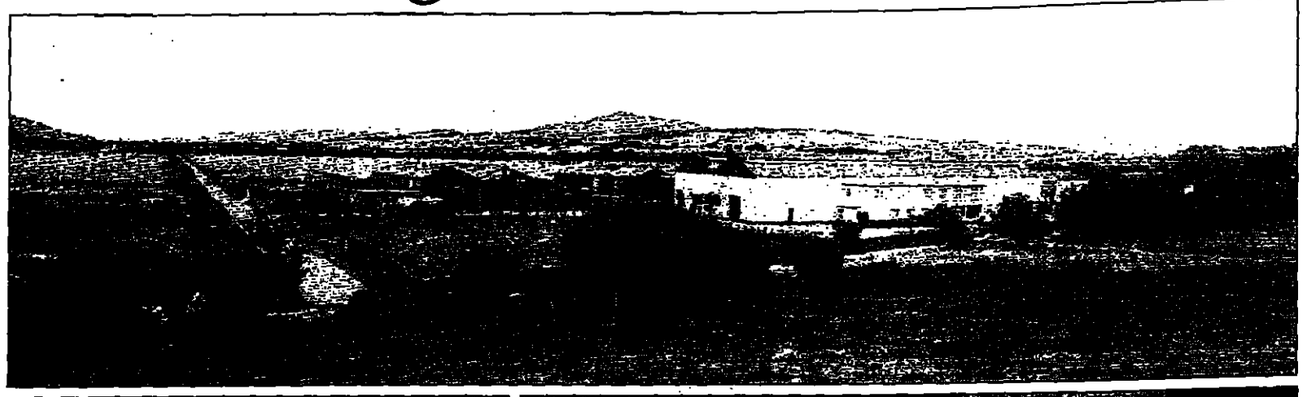


Keon: under police guard



Graham: evicted by bank

TREVOR McBRIDE







As masked bailiffs move in on Eric Graham's farm, top, the Rev Rodney Sterritt carries one of his son-in-law's children from her home

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police left with bill for convict's dog

A police authority has had to pay a £2,600 kennel bill for a convict's dog. The dog went to an animal shelter near Gloucester in 1993 when the man was arrested and subsequently jailed. On his release last year he collected his dog and told the shelter to send the bill to his new home but never paid. He has since been rearrested and jailed. Gloucestershire Police Authority has been told it is liable because its constabulary made the initial contract.

Lady Tryon better

Lady Tryon, 48, a friend of the Prince of Wales, is recovering so well after breaking her back in a fall from a hospital window in May that she is now visiting the family home near Salisbury. Specialists have ruled out the risk of permanent brain damage.

Crash closes M25

A tanker disrupted traffic on the M25 near Reigate when it hit roadworks near junction 7, overturning and spilling its load of liquid nitrogen. The motorway was closed in both directions for a time and morning commuters faced tailbacks of up to ten miles.

Royal reprint

Postcard maker J. Arthur Dixon is dropping the letters HRH from its best-selling postcards of Diana, Princess of Wales. Officials at Balmoral ordered the removal of cards carrying the dropped title from the castle's souvenir shop last week.

Priest charged

Father James Chaning-Pearce, 56, who taught taught maths and physics at the Jesuit-run Stonyhurst College, near Blackburn, has been charged with indecently assaulting boys at the school. He will appear in court in November on four charges.

Horse attacked

Lady, a 22-year-old shire horse that was a favourite with visitors to Elvaston Castle Country Park in Derbyshire, died after its genitals were slashed with a knife. The horse was rescued from ill-treatment eight years ago.

Back condition

A judge granted a back-pain sufferer bail at Southwark Crown Court on condition that he went to bed for a week so he could be tried sitting rather than lying. Graham Peacock, 51, denies conspiring to produce cannabis.

Kittiwake deaths

Hundreds of dead kittiwakes have been found along the Tyneside coastline. Scientists believe a bacterial infection could be responsible and that thousands more of the gulls, which come ashore only to nest, may have perished.

Galling loss

Karen Parker, 29, is appealing for the return of three gallstones which she had removed last week. They were in a jar in her car which was stolen in Aspley, Nottingham. The car was later recovered but the jar is missing.

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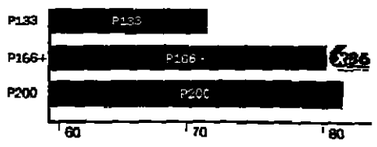
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Ticket prices tumble as new rail firms take a tough line

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

PRICE wars are breaking out on railways as new companies take over former British Rail routes and cheap fares are used to tempt travellers.

The most cut-throat competition so far appears to be between Network South-Central, now owned by the French utility CGEA, and its rival Gatwick Express, now owned by the National Express coach group. One advertisement hits at higher prices and lack of night services on the Gatwick Express. In response, Gatwick Express plans a 24-hour service and is issuing a book of ten tickets offering special group travel discounts. More tempting deals for passengers are expected. Nine of the proposed 25 rail franchises have been awarded and another four companies are expected to get the go-ahead this month. New companies have targeted specific routes because, unlike British Rail, they are not responsible for a national network.

Chiltern Railways is promoting a £20 day-return fare between London and Birmingham. The journey takes 40 minutes longer than that on InterCity West Coast, its rival line, and uses less familiar stations such as Marylebone in London and Snow Hill in Birmingham. The £20 day return and the £23 monthly return were on offer when Chiltern was part of BR, but there was little marketing budget available or corporate will to publicise specific deals.

West Coast and East Coast InterCity have entered into direct competition with EasyJet, the cut-price air company which offers a £29 single fare between Scotland and Luton airport. The rail companies have responded by introducing a £29 Scotland-to-London return, knocking £5 off the cheapest return previously available.

Courts 'too hard on children'

BY FRANCES GIBB

CHILDREN who go to court as victims or witnesses are often treated so badly that prosecutions fail, according to a report published yesterday.

The children often have to wait hours or even days before giving evidence and receive little preparation for the court experience, says the report by Victim Support, the charity for victims of crime.

The report, based on the experiences of 1,000 children in 26 Crown Courts, found children are not always allowed to give evidence by closed-circuit TV. An 11-year-old girl became incoherent when she found she had to give evidence in open court. The case was dismissed.

A special Child Witness Pack published with the backing of the Lord Chancellor's Department three years ago was used for only 25 per cent of children.

Helen Reeves, director of Victim Support, called for national guidelines on preparation, reducing waiting times to a minimum and allowing children to wait at home.

The Princess Royal, patron of Victim Support, who was at the launch of the report, welcomed the findings.

£376,000 for teacher in car crash

BY JOHN O'LEARY

A TEACHER who sustained multiple injuries in a car crash while taking pupils on an A-level study visit has won record damages of £376,000.

John Calvert, a history teacher at Knottingley High School, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, was a passenger in a colleague's car that had been pressed into service for a study trip because the school minibus had failed a safety check. He is wheelchair-bound as a result of the collision near York and has never returned to work.

The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers took up his case when it emerged that the driver of the other car was uninsured. The award is thought to be the biggest secured by a teachers' organisation.

The ill-fated visit took place in 1989 but it took until this year to reach a settlement. The car carrying three sixth-form girls and another teacher was wrecked. The driver and pupils had minor injuries but it took two hours to free Mr Calvert from the car. Both feet and legs were broken. He later took early retirement.

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Spanish trawlermen's lawyer told: 'You never know, a new government might pay up'

Judge delays £80m fish quota case until after election

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

A CLAIM by Spanish fishermen for £80 million compensation from the Government for stopping them fishing in British waters was delayed yesterday until after the general election.

Department of Transport lawyers asked the High Court for five months to produce hundreds of files from six departments, including the Ministry of Agriculture and the Scottish, Welsh and Cabinet offices. They also wanted time for ministers and civil servants to consider public interest immunity certificates and legal and professional privilege.

Lawyers for 94 Spanish boats claimed that the cost to taxpayers could total £200 million in damages and interest if the courts added exemplary damages for breaking European law.

The test case arises from the 1988 Merchant Shipping Act, which stopped Spanish-owned boats registered in Britain from working after British fishermen's claims of "quota-hopping". But in 1991 the European Court of Justice ruled that the Act was illegal and discriminatory.



Gonzalez: confident of a Spanish victory

At a preliminary hearing yesterday, Mr Justice Collins ruled that the case could not be heard until June, after the election. "If there is upheaval the relevant parties may have other things on their minds at the crucial times," he said.

He also reminded David Vaughan, QC, counsel for the fishermen, that a new administration might decide not to fight the claim. "You may find you do not need to pursue any proceedings if there is a change of government — you never know."

Stephen Swabey, the fishermen's solicitor, said after the hearing: "We are very disappointed that the Government cannot work faster to produce documents that have already been identified, but they convinced the judge, who has a lot of experience in this area."

Anton Gonzalez, 43, a Spanish fishing vessel manager from Burela in Galicia, who has been based in Milford Haven for six years, is confident that the owners will win. Señor Gonzalez estimates that he lost £2 million when his four boats were prevented from operating for 18 months between April 1989 and November 1990.

"The European Court of Justice decided this matter and we abide by the law," he said. "If there is a law, that law applies to everybody. Our vessels were registered here in 1981 and we have the same rights as any British vessels."

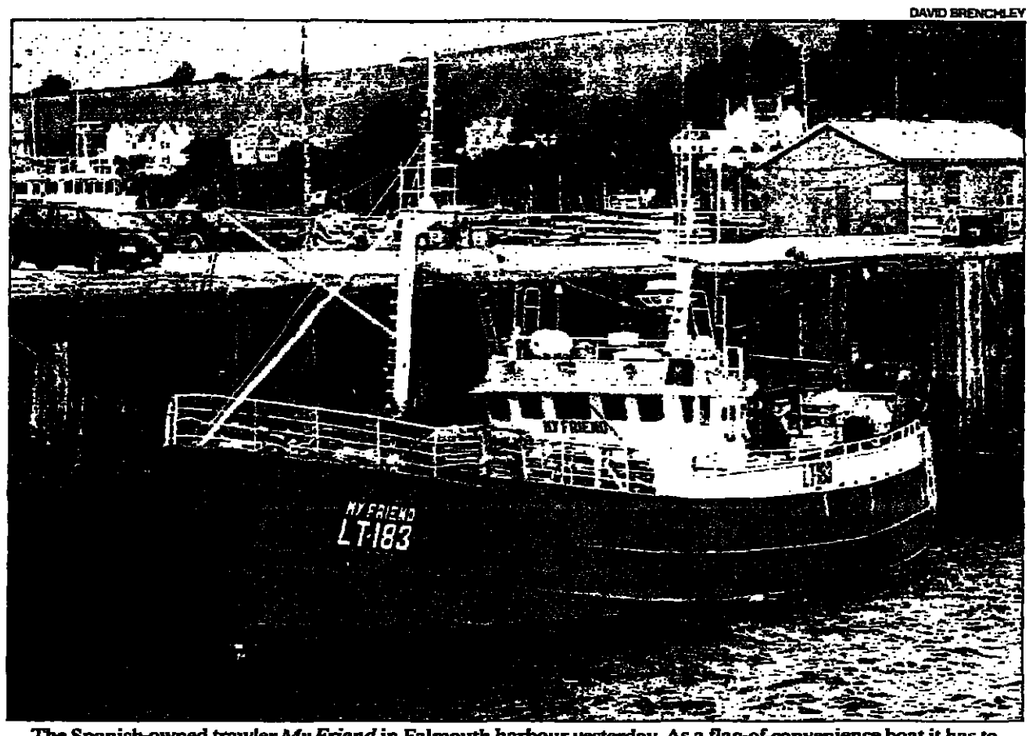
Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, promised to fight the fishermen's claims and push for EU treaty changes to end the "crazy situation" that permits quota-hopping.

But Gavin Strang, the Shadow Agriculture Minister, accused the Government of failing to represent Britain's trawlermen. "The Government should now be working urgently in Europe to make allies of other members states who are keen to ensure that their national quota is protected from quota-hopping," he said.

Mike Townsend, Chief Executive of the Cornish Fish Producers' Organisation, said yesterday: "I am browned off and thoroughly fed up with the whole thing. All we want is the Government to come out of the Common Fisheries Policy."

Treve Hawken, a Newlyn trawlerman, said: "The system stinks, so why shouldn't the Spanish milk a little bit more? They have been doing it for years. The EC is killing off the British fishing industry."

DAVID BRENCHLEY



The Spanish-owned trawler *My Friend* in Falmouth harbour yesterday. As a flag-of-convenience boat it has to tie up in a British port for eight hours eight times every year to qualify for a British fishing licence

Tories jostle for seat on Tunbridge Wells bus to Westminster

BY JAMES LANDALE

THE Kent town of Tunbridge Wells will be the scene of a furious contest next week between Tory MPs, councillors and business leaders for the latest chance to land a seat in Parliament.

More than 180 people applied for the seat when Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary and sitting MP, announced two months ago that he would be standing down at the next election. Although Tunbridge Wells's majority of 17,132 has been weakened by boundary changes, the seat remains a relatively secure passage to Westminster. According to electoral analysis, the selected Tory candidate would win a majority of about 13,000 if people voted roughly as they did in 1992.

The Tory association has whittled the applicants down to 21 who will be interviewed over the next week. A shortlist of three will be put before a meeting of all party members on September 19. After speeches and questions, a ballot will be held.

Those still in the running include Alan Clark, 68, the diarist and former minister who has long regretted standing down at the last election, and Dame Janet Fookes, a Deputy Speaker at the House of Commons. Two other so-called "retread" MPs who have been deselected from their seats — Hartley Booth at Finchley and Michael Stephen at Shoreham — have failed to make the shortlist.

Others with a better chance include David Campbell-Bannerman, special adviser to Sir Patrick. Not only does Mr Campbell-Bannerman, 36, have a strong political pedigree — his great-great-uncle was Prime Minister from 1905 to 1908 — but he also grew up in the area. Another key contender is Alex King, chairman of the Tunbridge Wells Conservative Association.

Also trying for the seat are Archie Norman, the chief executive and future chairman of the Asda supermarket chain, Paul Twyman, a director of the Nationwide Building Society, and David Skidmore, a consultant surgeon who was made an OBE for helping people out of the Grand Hotel in Brighton when it was bombed by the IRA at the Tory party conference in 1984.

Tunbridge Wells has attracted many Tory MPs whose seats have disappeared or become marginal after boundary changes. Dame Janet's Plymouth Drake seat, renamed Plymouth Sutton, now includes Labour-supporting town wards. Michael Stephen's Shoreham constituency was split in three by the Boundary Commission and he failed to be selected for any of them.

Tunbridge Wells Tories must decide whether they want a young, dynamic candidate who will be able to spend more time in the constituency than Sir Patrick, or a more mature candidate who will not indulge in too much anti-European, right-wing rhetoric. After Tunbridge Wells has selected, there will be few other chances for a seat. John Carlisle announced this week that he would stand down from Luton North at the election, but the seat is far from safe.

☐ The Tories need a candidate for Tottenham after prospective contender Henrietta Royle was headhunted by an investment agency. She has been appointed chief executive of CeeNet, the Corporation of London's emerging investment agency. The Labour MP Bernie Grant holds the seat with an 11,968 majority.



Dame Janet: still in the running for seat

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gang sold £4.5m haul for £1,000

A gang stole aviation equipment worth £4.5 million and sold it for £1,000 as scrap, Portsmouth Crown Court was told yesterday. A quarter of the workforce of 360 at the aviation company raided in May was idle for a month while the company sought replacement equipment. Thomas Hodgkins, 20, paid £140 for his part in the break-in, was sent to a young offenders' institution for 15 months.

£5m flood relief

A £5.4 million flood relief scheme for Chichester, West Sussex, was announced by the Environment Agency. A new flood channel from the River Lavant will be cut. In the winter of 1993-94 flooding caused £6 million of damage.

Walkers found

Two teachers missing for two days while hill-walking were found on Merrick, a 2,770ft mountain in Dumfries and Galloway. Marion Watson, 53, and Charles Milligan, 47, both from Ardrossan, Strathclyde, said they had been lost.

Baby charge

Emma Gifford, 21, from Ashford, Kent, daughter of Michael Gifford, former chief executive of the Rank Organisation, has been charged with concealing the birth of a baby whose body was allegedly found in a freezer.

Pilot arrested

A pilot whose plane crash-landed in a field in Romford, east London, has been arrested on suspicion of drug smuggling. Police said 1 kg of white powder was found on board the light aircraft, which had run out of fuel.

Art brush-off

A chalk pavement drawing in Carlisle, commissioned by the council for an arts festival, was swept away by a street cleaner after passers-by complained of graffiti. Artist Timothy Appleby had spent two hours on the drawing.



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Spy-watchers in Australia scrap over story of historian's Order of Lenin

BY DAVID BENTLEY

FIVE years after his death, Australia's most eminent historian is being demonised as a traitor, after allegations by a Brisbane newspaper, *The Courier-Mail*, that he wore the Order of Lenin.

Professor Manning Clark, who wrote *A History of Australia* and was named Australian of the Year in 1981, may have used his position to spread communist propaganda. The newspaper devoted eight broadsheet pages to his socialist credentials, citing Australian Security Intelligence Organisation files supporting the view that Clark was "communistically inclined".

Not everyone is convinced. His son, Andrew, who edits *The Sun-Herald* in Sydney, told readers: "These claims are fabrications. They are based on malicious tittle-tattle."

Central to the controversy is Les Murray, a poet who allegedly saw Clark wearing the Soviet Union's highest honour at a dinner party. The story reached Peter Kelly, a retired journalist, who recalled a previous conversation in the Seventies with Geoffrey Fairbairn, a Canberra academic who had been upset by seeing Clark at the Soviet Embassy, apparently wearing the same medal.

Kelly, former press secretary to the Liberal politician William McMahon in the Sixties, held his silence for a quarter of a century out of consideration, he says, for Clark's family.

When a Melbourne academic, Stuart Mcintyre, delivered the inaugural Manning Clark Memorial Lecture, "Who are The True Believers?" in 1994, Kelly decided that Clark had been canonised by the Australian Labor Party and blew the whistle.

Clark's followers were outraged and articles for and against him appeared in the press, questioning the authenticity of the insignia. A KGB double agent also stepped into the fray.

John Howard, the Prime Minister, said he disagreed with Clark's "black armband" approach to the past. Opposition leader Kim Beazley dismissed the claims as "oddball".

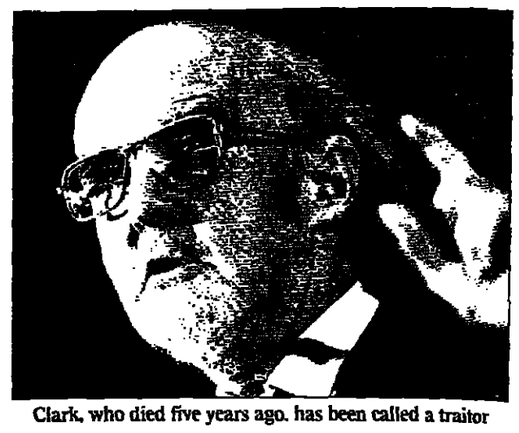
David Marrm of *The Sydney Morning Herald* attacked *The Courier-Mail's* exposé as "evil guesswork" and "one of the greatest axe jobs in the history of Australia journalism". Bill Hayden, the former Governor-General, saw it as a piece of "outrageous self-indulgence".

For Professor Claudio Veliz, emeritus professor of sociology at Melbourne's La Trobe University, whose criticism of Clark's approach to history caused a stir in 1982, the allegations supported what he had been saying all along.

"What is really amiss about Clark, I suspect, is that deep within he did not like Australia and thought Australians a melancholy, brawling lot, but could not bring himself to say so." Meanwhile, the contentious medal is nowhere to be found.

Clark's widow, Dymphna, recalls her husband receiving a Soviet decoration when he visited Moscow in 1970 to deliver a lecture on Captain Cook. She does not think it was the Order of Lenin "or there would have been some hoo-ha". Another poet, Geoffrey Dutton, remembers Clark's Soviet medal as a commemorative gift that looked nothing like the Order of Lenin and was worn by the historian only as a joke.

Mr Murray, the only living witness to the wearing of the "gong", told *The Courier-Mail*: "Manning Clark himself drew attention to the medal by telling me that it was the Order of Lenin he was wearing. He said it was not what the students wear, 'it is the real thing'."



Clark, who died five years ago, has been called a traitor

Shop ban on album over gun sale lyric

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

SHERYL CROW, the husky singer who rose to stardom with a song called *All I Wanna Do*, has so offended America's largest supermarket chain that it is refusing to sell her latest album.

The quarrel is over one of Ms Crow's lyrics, which says that Wal-Mart, which has 2,265 branches, sells guns to children. As she sings in *Love Is a Good Thing*: "Watch out sister, watch out brother, watch our children as they kill each other, with a gun they bought at the Wal-Mart discount stores".

Wal-Mart says it is boycotting the album for ethical reasons rather than self-interest. "Selling a record implying behaviour that is against all we stand for is something we just could not profit from," a spokesman said.

The chain continues to profit from gun sales, however. It stopped selling guns over the counter in 1994, but sells them through mail-order catalogues, which gun-control advocates say is a relatively easy way for youngsters to obtain deadly weapons.

Analysts say Wal-Mart might have sold up to 400,000 copies of the album, but Ms Crow and her label, A&M Records, have not indicated that they will change the offending lyric, which has won them free front-page publicity.

Investigators study sworn statement as Whitewater partner goes to jail

Disgraced Clinton aide denies slur against First Lady

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

DICK MORRIS, President Clinton's disgraced political strategist, has sent congressional investigators a sworn statement denying that he told a prostitute that Hillary Clinton was responsible for improperly requisitioning hundreds of confidential FBI files on Republican officials.

Mr Morris, who resigned after a newspaper disclosed his affair with the prostitute last month, said that an entry in her diary that quoted him as blaming a "paranoid" Mrs Clinton for requisitioning the files was inaccurate.

He said that he had told the prostitute, Sherry Rowlands, only that "everyone thinks it's Hillary". He said that comment was based on a private White House poll. "I have no personal knowledge or information from any source whatsoever as to who was responsible for ordering the FBI files," he added.

The statement to the House committee investigating the files scandal was the first time Mr Morris had admitted either his relationship with Ms Rowlands or discussing White House matters with her during their "pillow talk".

William Clinger, the committee's Republican chairman, had given Mr Morris until Monday night to confirm or deny the remarks attributed to him by Ms Rowlands. His statement was delivered a few hours before that deadline, but it was unclear whether it would satisfy the committee. Mr Clinger said he would wait to see whether Mr Morris could provide records to support his claim before deciding whether to demand that he, and possibly Ms Rowlands, should give evidence in person before the committee.

Mr Clinger called Mr Morris's statement "just another in a long line of denials of involvement by the President or First Lady" that "does not get us any closer to finding out the truth" about who ordered the files or why. The White House said that there was no genuine evidence to suggest that Mrs Clinton was involved and portrayed Mr Clinger's investigation as an "opposition research operation" for Bob Dole's presidential campaign.

Noting that Ms Rowlands's diary extracts appeared in *Star* magazine, Mike McCurry, the White House press secretary, said: "I did not know you sought the truth in supermarket tabloids."

In a separate development, Susan McDougal, the Clintons' former Whitewater business partner, spent her first full day in an Arkansas jail yesterday for refusing to give evidence against the President before a federal grand jury.

Ms McDougal had surrendered herself to US marshals on Monday morning and spent more than seven hours in a Little Rock courthouse cell before being moved to Faulkner county jail.

Ms McDougal was sentenced last month to two years in prison for accepting an illegal loan. She refused to tell the grand jury whether Mr Clinton had helped her to obtain that loan, claiming that Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, was out to destroy the President. Her original prison sentence was due to begin on September 30, but she is now behind bars for contempt of court.

☐ **Perot's choice:** Ross Perot, the Reform Party's presidential candidate, was expected to announce his running-mate on CBS television last night.



Susan McDougal leaves Little Rock courthouse in chains on her way to prison

US coast braced for another hurricane

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE great storm bowl of the Caribbean has produced another killer wind with Hurricane Hortense, which yesterday gathered force over the region's warm waters and appeared to be heading for the American mainland.

Hortense, the fourth hurricane this summer, left four people dead in Puerto Rico and yesterday hit the island of Hispaniola, which is shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Ferocious rainstorms gave way to flash floods in the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and on Hispaniola's north coast. Storm surges, mudslides and tornados accompanied the main storm.

The Turks and Caicos islands were placed on hurricane alert and in the American Virgin Islands the sale of rum was banned during the bad weather to prevent looting.

Forecasters predicted that the hurricane will gather force tonight and may arrive off Florida on Friday. There it is expected to make a sharp right turn towards Georgia and the Carolinas. The coastal towns in those states were devastated last week by Hurricane Fran. Earlier in the season Hurricanes Bertha and Edouard left trails of damage.

An early estimate by the Insurance Information Institute put the damage caused by Fran as high as $1 billion (£645 million). Federal relief continued to be distributed in the region and floods left low-lying regions, including Washington DC, resembling swamps. Jim Hunt, Governor of North Carolina, said that Fran had been "the worst disaster we have had this century".

☐ **Peking:** Typhoon Sally killed at least 114 people and left 110 missing, many of them fishermen caught at sea, when it slammed into southern China this week, officials said yesterday. *(Reuter)*

Remains of Perón to be exhumed

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI, SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN who has been fighting a lengthy legal battle to prove that she is the illegitimate daughter of Juan Perón, the late Argentine President, won the right yesterday to have his body exhumed from a Buenos Aires cemetery so that DNA tests can be carried out.

Marta Holgado, 62, who bears a striking resemblance to Perón, hopes that the tests will prove that she is the rightful heir to fortunes he is believed to have hidden in secret Swiss bank accounts.

Señora Holgado, who lives in Madrid and is the author of a book called *Perón, My Father*, arrived in Buenos Aires late on Monday night and yesterday received unprecedented permission from a court to exhume the President's remains. He died on July 1, 1974, at the age of 78.

Señora Holgado started her legal battle to prove that her mother, Cecilia Demarchi, had been Perón's mistress when he was married to his first wife, and that she was conceived during that time. She claims to have met Perón and have pictures of herself with him as a child.

"My mother married a man called Eugenio Holgado in 1928 and they had a dughter who died in 1933. Soon after they separated, and it was at that time that my mother met the young Juan Domingo Perón," said Señora Holgado.

Her claim has come as a surprise to most Argentinians who had always believed Perón was impotent. Some have branded Señora Holdago a gravedigger, saying she is just after the millions that Perón stashed away during the last years of his distastrous rule.

Perón was first elected President in 1945 with the backing of the military. He was deposed in 1955 and remained in exile until 1973 before he returned to Argentina for another year in office.

He had professed a mixture of populism and fascism, and founded a political movement which seemed to offer more to satisfy aspirations of the working classes than the traditional political elites. But his promise was lost amid authoritarianism, corruption and contempt for democratic freedoms. However, he also attracted a cult following which is still strong today.

Perón's body has been at the centre of controversy before: prior to his burial someone cut off and stole both his hands, presumably for the fingerprints required to access secret bank accounts.

It seems unlikely that the court would have agreed to exhume the body without having substantial reason. Perón's third and last surviving wife, María Estela Martínez de Perón, a former dancer, who also lives in Madrid, has put up the most vociferous opposition to the exhumation. She is adamant that her husband was impotent.

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Investigators raid police as scandals widen in Belgium

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BELGIAN investigators yesterday carried out raids in which 23 people, including 11 police officers, were questioned in connection with Marc Dutroux, the confessed paedophile murderer. All 23 were released later without charges, but police were examining documents seized in searches of their homes.

The raids round the southern city of Charleroi, including one at police headquarters, were part of an attempt by Michel Bourlet, the prosecutor, to unravel a stolen vehicle trade said to have involved Dutroux and to have been conducted with police complicity. One of the ten arrested in the Dutroux affair, Inspector Georges Zicot, is alleged to have provided vehicles to the child abductor.

Dutroux, 39, is held responsible for the torture and murder of two teenagers and two eight-year-olds. He is alleged to have been at the centre of a paedophile trade with international connections.

A parallel team of investigating judges in nearby Liège questioned Alain van der Biest, a former minister charged on Sunday with the murder in 1991 of André Cools, a former Deputy Prime Minister. The killing has blighted the Belgian political scene for five years. Willy Claes, the former head of Nato, is awaiting trial with three other former ministers in connection with a corruption scandal exposed by the murder investigation.

Mr van der Biest, a flamboyant novelist and literature professor, is alleged to have paid the Italian Mafia to shoot Cools, a senior figure in the French-speaking Socialist Party and political boss of Liège, in July 1991. Mr van der Biest insists he has been framed.

Coming amid the uproar over the Dutroux case, the sudden arrest of Mr van der Biest and four others over the Cools affair has compounded a crisis of confidence in Belgium's legal and political system. "Every revelation is feeding the revulsion," *La Libre Belgique* said. "Belgians are asking what is rotten in the halls of justice."

King Albert II of the Belgians yesterday called for deep reforms to ensure a more effective and humane system of justice. In a move that took him beyond the bounds of his constitutional role, the King said that those involved in criminal investigations "must be encouraged to pursue their efforts to the end".

The remark was aimed at the judicial bungling and alleged obstruction in the Dutroux and Cools inquiries. The King handed Stefaan de Clercq, the Justice Minister, a "list of observations and questions" about the handling of the Dutroux case. With polls showing that 90 per cent of Belgians distrust the legal system, Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime Minister, promised on Monday to ensure full disclosure of the authorities' failure to take action earlier in both the Cools and Dutroux cases. "We have to investigate the investigation," Mr Dehaene said.

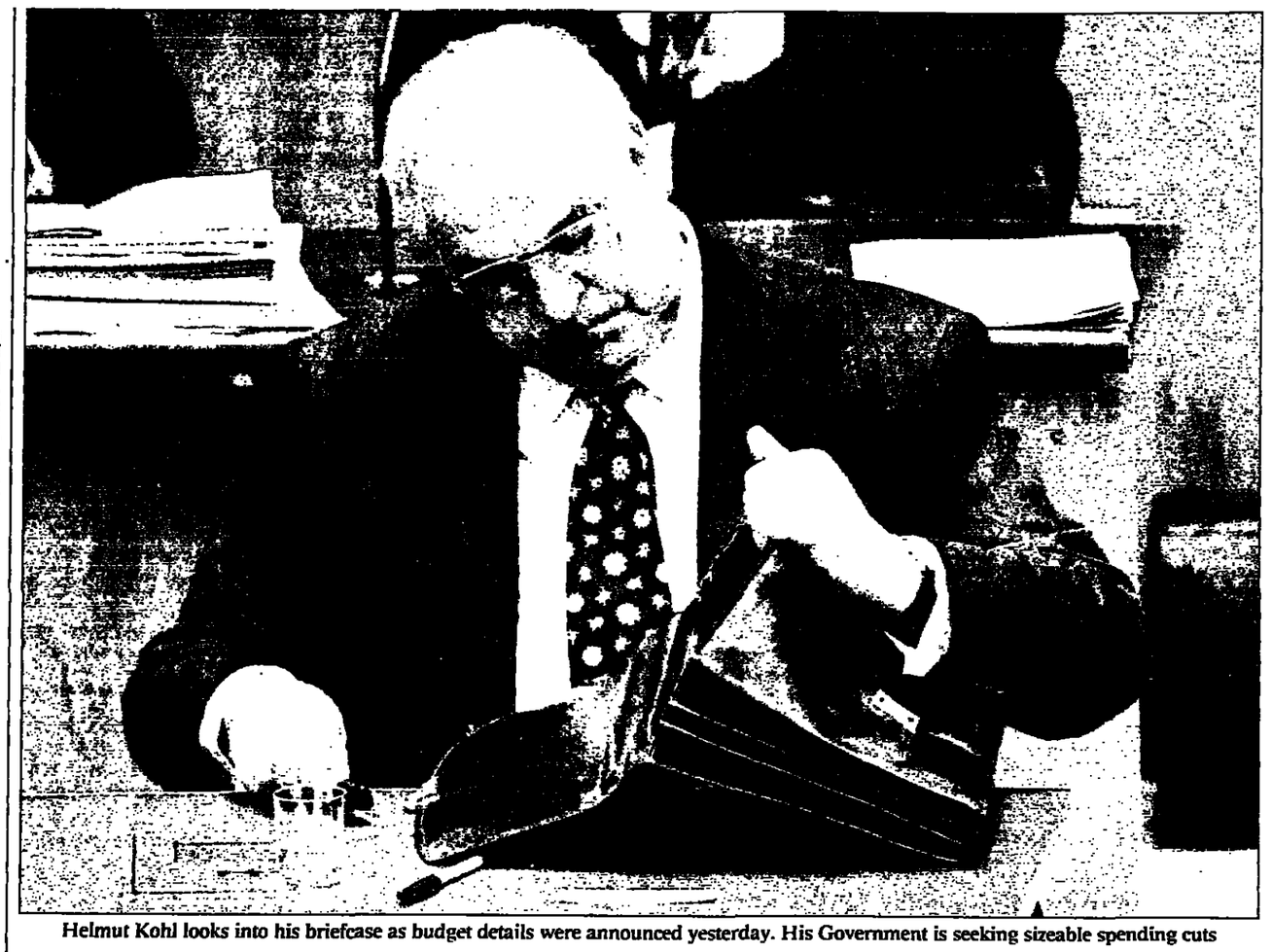


Dehaene: promised full disclosure of failures

Prosecutors have so far cited no direct link between the Cools and Dutroux cases. However, a connection is being widely made by the media, as disclosures pour out on alleged cosy relations among politicians, police and criminals, including the Mafia, in the big cities of French-speaking southeast Belgium.

Adding to the sense of connection is the involvement of several judicial and police figures in both cases. Jean-Marc Connerotte, the investigating magistrate in charge of the Dutroux case, was at the centre of a storm two years ago when he was removed from the Cools investigation. Mr Connerotte, who is based in Neufchâtel, wrote to King Albert at the time saying he knew who the murderers were. He had earlier produced evidence that linked Mr van der Biest to the killings.

As a sub-plot in the two affairs, there have been allegations that investigating judges, who usually enjoy a link with one or other of the main Belgian political blocs, failed to pursue their cases with zeal or were removed when they did so. The police superintendent in charge of co-ordinating the Cools investigation since 1992 resigned from the post on Sunday after allegations he had mishandled the case.



Helmut Kohl looks into his briefcase as budget details were announced yesterday. His Government is seeking sizeable spending cuts

Bonn faces four-day battle over austerity budget

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

TO CATCALLS and gibes from the opposition, the German Government unveiled an austerity budget for 1997 which cuts federal spending in an all-out effort to qualify for European monetary union.

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, must shepherd the budget through a four-day debate this week and secure a parliamentary vote on separate spending cuts on Friday. Although the Government is likely to survive that vote, the budget is giving ample ammunition to the opposition Social Democrats. The chance that Germany may miss the Maastricht criteria for monetary union and the sacrifices demanded by the Chancellor spell trouble in Bonn.

"You claim that the budget will meet the Maastricht criteria," thundered the opposition spokeswoman Ingrid Matthäus-Maier. "Wrong. The situation of the state finances is now truly dramatic."

The 1997 performance of the German economy will determine whether it is fit for European monetary union. Should it fall short, the whole project would be endangered. Herr Waigel and other government speakers pledged an "uncompromising adherence" to the Maastricht criteria, which include the need to keep the deficit to 3 per cent of gross domestic product. Herr Waigel revised upwards the German growth estimate for 1996 from 0.75 per cent to 1 per cent and argued that the budget and austerity package would reduce Germany's deficit to 2.5 per cent of GDP in 1997. According to figures he set out, the 1997 deficit should not exceed DM56.5 billion (£24.4 billion). But even the Government concedes that it could reach nearly DM70 billion.

An idea that old age pensions could be taxed has been floated as government planners search desperately for ways of boosting tax revenue.

The threat to pensions, more than any spending cut, has played into the hands of the Social Democrats, who for the first time sense that they may be able to win an election against Helmut Kohl on the basis of his Government's bad housekeeping. Trade unions have promised protests against the plans.

Cardinal attacks 'Padania' scheme

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THREE days before Italy's separatist Northern League begins its much publicised push for independence with a march, a senior Roman Catholic leader added the voice of the Church yesterday to the growing chorus of opposition to plans to declare "Padania" a separate state.

Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, Archbishop of Milan, which the League considers one of its strongholds, accused the League of "adventurism and demagoguery".

Cardinal Martini did not name the Northern League or Umberto Bossi, its often crude and unpredictable leader. But his remarks in Milan cathedral were universally interpreted as being directed at the League in general and Signor Bossi in particular.

The cardinal said that those who sought secession from the state deluded their followers by holding out the false promise of "magic formulas" and "simplistic drastic solutions". Responsible politicans, he said, resisted all forms of "demagoguery and populism", which could have grave consequences. "No cultural or institutional model which sanctions social or territorial exclusivity is morally acceptable," he said.

La Repubblica said Cardinal Martini had put the Church "in the front line" of those defending the Risorgimento and Italian unity. In a response which will have offended many, Signor Bossi made a mock sign of blessing on television, saying: "Peace and blessings, Cardinal". An opinion poll in *La Repubblica* indicated that 63 per cent of Italians think Signor Bossi is a buffoon.

Chernomyrdin takes charge as Yeltsin awaits operation

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN gave Viktor Chernomyrdin, his Prime Minister, new powers to run the Russian security ministries yesterday while he is on holiday before having a heart operation. But Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the presidential press secretary, said control of the "nuclear button" would remain with Mr Yeltsin.

All important decisions concerning the armed forces, Interior Ministry and intelligence services, normally a presidential preserve, will have to be "co-ordinated" with Mr Chernomyrdin for the duration of Mr Yeltsin's holiday, the press secretary said.

Yesterday's formula appeared to be a compromise designed to forestall a potentially dangerous power struggle while Mr Yeltsin is undergoing surgery. It effectively puts Mr Chernomyrdin in charge of running the country. If Mr Yeltsin remains ill and has to give up the presidency, Mr Chernomyrdin will, according to the constitution, become acting President and have a head start in the race for the succession.

The new instructions also strengthen the hand of Anatoli Chubais, the presidential Chief of Staff and a political ally of Mr Chernomyrdin, who is effectively running the Kremlin at present. But it will not please Aleksandr Lebed, the ambitious national security adviser, whose policy domains, security matters and Chechenia, will now be encroached on by his rival, the Prime Minister.

A lot will depend on how quickly Mr Yeltsin recovers from his operation. If his recovery takes a long time, the fragile equilibrium between the different rivals could be destroyed.

The President, who is resting outside Moscow, is due to have a heart by-pass operation, probably within the next month. The political complexities have arisen because of the vertical bias in the Russian hierarchy. There is no Vice-President, while the constitution is vague about the ground rules for how and when power should be delegated to the Prime Minister if the President is unable to carry on.

Mr Yeltsin, in an interview with the magazine *Itogi*, sought to dispel the image of a remote, sick leader which has gathered around him since he was re-elected on July 3. He said he had decided to go public about his heart problems in order to reassure the Russian people that he was still in control.

"The times when the supreme 'boss' would appear once a year somewhere on the dais of the mausoleum and a faceless and nameless crowd of bureaucrats ruled the country have receded into the past with the communist regime, and I am convinced that they will never return," he said.

Swimming fraud won six medals

Budapest: Half of Hungary's swimming team, which won six Olympic medals, got to Atlanta on the basis of fictitious qualification times from an event never held.

Government officials yesterday confirmed newspaper reports of the fraud and blamed the Hungarian Swimming Federation for submitting the false records. Eleven of the 22-member Hungarian team had not attained Olympic qualification times at national and regional meets. So a phantom meet was held and imaginary times were entered, said Rezsoe Gallov, who heads the Government's National Gymnastics and Sports office.

Two swimmers were even disqualified for the sake of authenticity. MTI, the state news agency, said yesterday that Tamas Gyarfas, head of the federation, had resigned.

Mr Gallov said those involved had to be called to account but no medals were in jeopardy. *(AP)*

Former generals jailed over shoot-to-kill orders at Wall

BY ROGER BOYES

SIX former East German generals were jailed yesterday for ordering border guards to shoot refugees trying to escape to the West.

Their trial was regarded as the most complex of the hearings that have been held in Germany since the collapse of the Berlin Wall. The longest sentence, six-and-a-half years, was imposed on Klaus Dieter Baumgarten.

Dozens of ordinary border guards have been found guilty of murder since they pulled the trigger during escape attempts. Heinz Kessler, a former Defence Minister, and other members of the East German Defence Council were given custodial sentences because it could be shown that they had helped to frame the shoot-to-kill policy. But the six generals sentenced yesterday were implementing orders from above.

Judge Friedrich-Karl Föhrig drew hisses and shouts of "swine" from the public gallery, packed with Communist supporters of the defendants, when he handed down the sentences of between three and six-and-a-half years. Baumgarten was found guilty of manslaughter in 11 cases and attempted manslaughter in five other border incidents. The other generals were found guilty of being accomplices.

"Baumgarten and the other defendants did not create or establish the East German border regime," the judge said in his summing up, "but they supported the system in which they were very small cogs." The prosecution said Baumgarten, 65, and his generals played a key part in securing and reinforcing East Germany's border with minefields and automatic shooting devices. More than 800 people died trying to flee from the East.

The generals do not have to go to prison until their appeal is heard. All are hoping that the constitutional court will quash Kessler's earlier sentence and thus invalidate their own. "This is a political verdict," Baumgarten said as he was led out of the courtroom.

The defence team argued that East Germany was merely exercising its right in international law to protect its sovereign borders. The judge, however, decided that the shooting of unarmed defectors violated human rights.

New documents discovered by investigators into the files of the East German Stasi secret police have given further muscle to state prosecutors. The papers show an exchange between top security chiefs in which it was recommended that nobody should be shot on the East-West border during the time of the World Youth Festival in 1973 in East Berlin, as it would have been bad publicity. That suggests there were clear shooting instructions and that all officers on border duty were involved.



Honorary consul Sara Marojica with the six British soldiers and Murphy, their mascot

Army's peace Pioneers raise the roof

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE home of the honorary British consul in Dubrovnik has been an empty shell since it was damaged during an artillery attack five years ago in the early stages of the war in the former Yugoslavia.

Now, however, the two-storey farmhouse belonging to Sara Marojica, which overlooks the historic walled city on the Dalmatian coast, has been rebuilt by six British soldiers serving with Nato's Implementation Force (Ifor) in the Croatian port of Split.

Mrs Marojica, born in Liverpool but married to a Croat, has been able to return to her home for the first time since the war. The farmhouse has been in her husband's family for 500 years.

The six soldiers were from 522 Squadron 23 Pioneer Regiment, part of the Royal Logistic Corps. They learnt of her plight and offered to help. They succeeded in rebuilding the house to its prewar state in five weeks.

The honorary consul and her husband were forced to leave the house in the mountains above Dubrovnik after a shell fired from a ship in the Adriatic crashed through their sitting-room window and blew out the roof. The couple escaped unhurt and spent the next five weeks at an hotel in Dubrovnik amid heavy shelling. Many of the shells damaged buildings inside the city walls, some of which date back to the 14th century.

The attack on Dubrovnik, a United Nations heritage site, began in September 1990 and was carried out by Yugoslav forces from the Adriatic and the surrounding mountains. Later Mrs Marojica moved to the British consulate in Zagreb to continue her duties as honorary consul. She and her husband tried to return to the house in 1993 but were shot at by snipers.

Mrs Marojica said: "Then out of the blue I received a telephone call from the British Army in Split. They had heard I had problems and asked if they could see for themselves."

Under the command of Second Lieutenant Brian Howard, the Pioneers drew up a work plan and five weeks later the job was done.

Mrs Marojica, who was awarded the MBE last year for her work in the former Yugoslavia, said: "The place looks wonderful. The Pioneers are a credit to the British Army. I will be sorry to see them go."

The soldiers from 23 Pioneer Regiment, normally based at Bicester in Oxfordshire, left her a Pioneer plaque to put on her walls once the house is redecorated.

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Dole criticises Clinton strategy after Sulaimaniya falls to Saddam's Kurdish allies

US warns of new strikes at repaired Iraqi sites

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Pentagon said last night that President Saddam Hussein had ignored American warnings and was rebuilding air defence missile sites hit by American cruise missile attacks on southern Iraq.

This intelligence was divulged as the fall of Sulaimaniya on Monday left the Clinton Administration scrambling to refute criticism of last week's actions. The Republicans said that American credibility had been undermined and that Saddam had been left in control of northern Iraq for the first time since the Gulf War.

A Pentagon official said up to four surface-to-air missile sites had been supplied with new radars since the attack — in defiance of a warning by General John Shalikashvili, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that such moves could prompt renewed strikes. In two attacks last week, 44 missiles hit 15 Iraqi air defence systems.

"The violation will occur if they illuminate any allied aircraft, American, British or French and they fire," the official said. "That would precipitate a strike from us."

The disclosures appeared to be an attempt to deflect attention from President Clinton's domestic difficulties over the decision to attack Iraq in the first place.

Bob Dole, the Republican presidential candidate, has seized on the latest evidence that Saddam helped Kurdistan Democratic Party forces to overrun Sulaimaniya, the final stronghold of their rivals, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. He said the reports of continued strife and killings in northern Iraq, including the execution of Iraqi dissidents backed by Washington and the apparent entrenchment of Iraqi troops around Arbil, raised serious questions about whether Mr Clinton's strategy had advanced American interests in the region.

"In Iraq, as in Bosnia, the Clinton Administration should be careful about making claims of success that events on the ground may not substantiate, and about giving assurances that it is unable or unwilling to fulfil, because the credibility of the United States is at stake," Mr Dole said.

Although America this week mounted an emergency effort to relocate hundreds of Kurds involved in the humanitarian relief programme in northern Iraq, Mr Clinton has launched no operation to rescue stranded Iraqi dissidents backed by the CIA. It was reported yesterday that more than 100 CIA-backed opponents of Saddam had been executed months before the American raid.

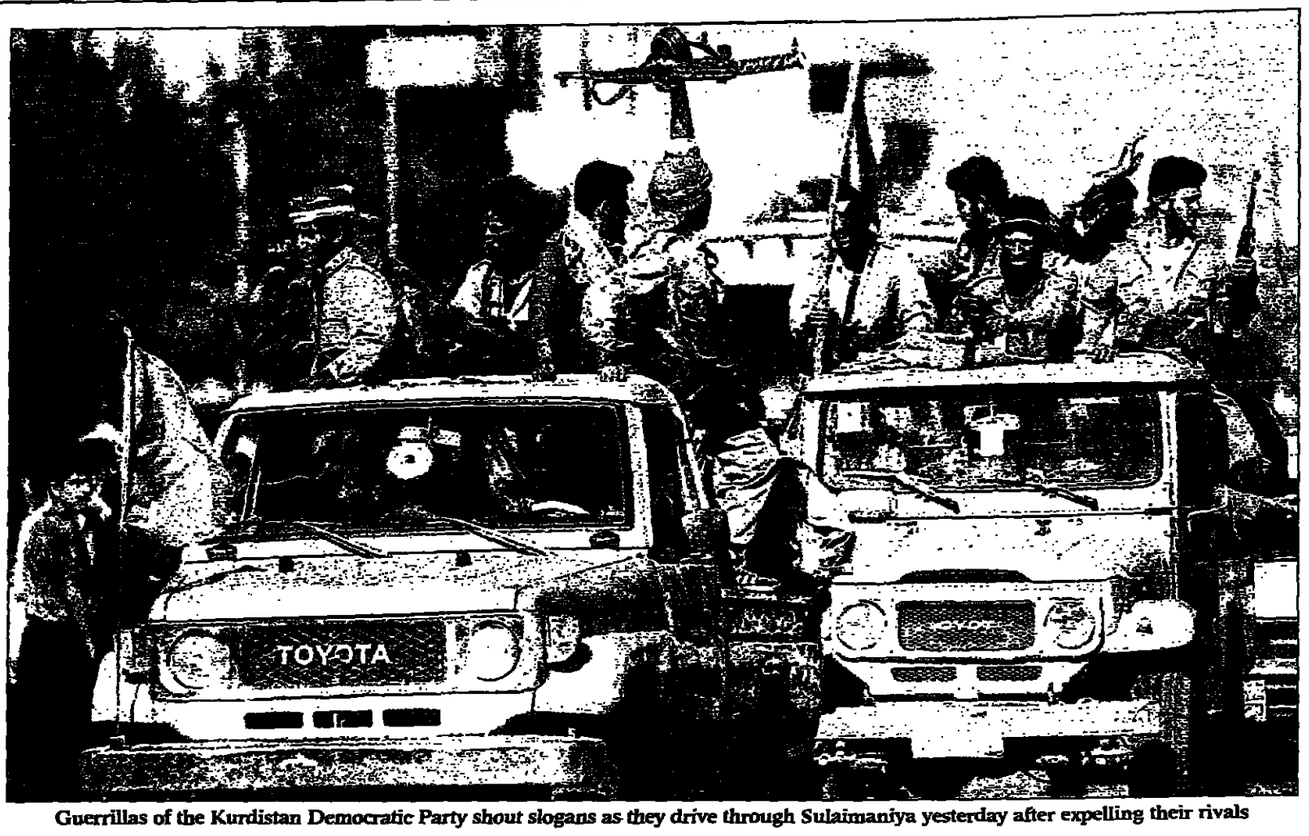
Last winter the CIA targeted the group, the Iraqi National Accord, as the organisation with the greatest potential to topple Saddam, but it was infiltrated by Iraqi security in June and those in Iraq associated with the organisation were "wrapped up", according to the Americans.

Another organisation, the Iraqi National Congress, has been almost defunct since the capture of Arbil. Some members have been executed. Despite the CIA's connections with the group, the White House made clear yesterday that it had no intention of helping to evacuate about 200 members still trapped in hostile territory at the mountain fortress of Salahuddin.

The intelligence community in Washington, attempting to wash its hands of the situation, said a team of CIA officers secretly stationed in Salahuddin had provided ample advance warning to members of the Iraqi National Congress about the KDP attack. It appears that the agency had become disenchanted with the organisation's inability to undermine Saddam.

Clearly concerned by growing criticism of its military efforts, the White House maintained that America's main concerns were protecting the Kurdish population and ensuring that Iraq does not violate the no-fly zone.

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Guerrillas of the Kurdistan Democratic Party shout slogans as they drive through Sulaimaniya yesterday after expelling their rivals


A group of Kurdish women flee the fighting with their belongings on a tractor trailer

Iran begs for help with refugees

BY MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THOUSANDS of Kurds fled towards Iran yesterday as Iraq gloated that the victory of its Kurdish militia allies in the city of Sulaimaniya had restored Baghdad's power over the north and humiliated the United States.

Tehran implored the world to help it to cope with the exodus, saying that nearly 200,000 refugees were threatening to swamp its border. The United Nations said it expected 75,000 refugees to converge on the inhospitable mountainous frontier. Iran has allowed about 100 sick and injured to enter the country but said it would refuse admission to more unless their lives were endangered by illness or hostile armed forces.

Underlining Saddam's renewed influence in the region, his Government declared an amnesty for Kurds who had lived under Western protection since Baghdad lost control of northern Iraq in 1991. The amnesty has failed to convince most of Sulaimaniya's population not to flee, however. Saddam also announced the lifting of a five-year-old trade embargo on northern Iraq.

"Obviously, he feels he's taming the north with the help of the KDP and is keen to show himself as a magnanimous leader," said a European envoy in Jordan. "But the Kurds know from their bitter history that it is a matter of time before he stabs them in the back again."

Predictably, the state-run Iraqi press gloated over Sulaimaniya's capture, which they presented as the worst setback for America since Vietnam. President Clinton was now like "a caged hyena, rushing around in search of a way out," scoffed the daily *al-Jumhouriya*, adding that Sulaimaniya's fall had shattered the dreams of the "hashish chewers in the White House". Mr Clinton's policy on Iraq had brought Washington nothing but "humiliation, shame and disgrace", it said.

As Kurds fled towards the Iranian border a headmaster said: "We're afraid. We don't trust the Government of Saddam Hussein."

Although there were no uniformed Iraqi troops in Sulaimaniya, Kurds fear Saddam's notorious secret police will soon establish a presence.

WORLD SUMMARY

Ship full of sheep has sunk

Sydney: The search for an abandoned ship carrying 67,000 Australian sheep has been called off after the discovery of debris. "This indicates the vessel has sunk," Lloyd Beeby, a spokesman for the Australian Meat and Livestock Corp, said yesterday.

The debris was found just before the four-day search for the *Uniceb* was called off north of the Seychelles. The crew abandoned the ship, en route to Jordan, after fire broke out. They heard two explosions as they drifted in lifeboats. There were no further sightings of the vessel, even though it was left in a busy shipping lane. *(Reuter)*

Archbishop burnt to death

Bujumbura: Monsignor Joachim Ruhuna, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Gitega province in Burundi, was burnt to death when Hutu rebels ambushed his vehicle, an army spokesman said.

A deacon who arrived on the scene soon after the attack on Monday found the bodies of the archbishop and a nun on fire in their vehicle. *(AFP)*

Pope 'will not have check-up'

Rome: The Vatican denied a report that the Pope, 76, plans to undergo hospital tests this month to determine the cause of a recurrent intestinal illness. Joaquín Navarro-Valls, his spokesman, said last week that the illness could be linked to a 1981 assassination attempt when the Pope was wounded in the stomach. *(AP)*

Australia to get 180mph train

Sydney: Australian government ministers have finally approved a A$2 billion (£1 billion) project to build a 180mph train (Rachel Bridge writes). Bickering between state and federal governments has delayed for more than ten years the development of the train, which will run from Sydney to Canberra.

Senators hit at gay marriages

Washington: As a Hawaiian court began hearing a case that could lead to the legalisation of homosexual marriages in that state (Martin Fletcher writes), senators here were preparing to approve an Act that would let states disregard gay marriages legalised elsewhere in America.

Rafsanjani to visit Pretoria

Johannesburg: President Rafsanjani of Iran arrives in South Africa tomorrow for a state visit (Inigo Gilmore writes). He is on a six-nation African tour to win support for his Government, which is accused by America of sponsoring terrorism.

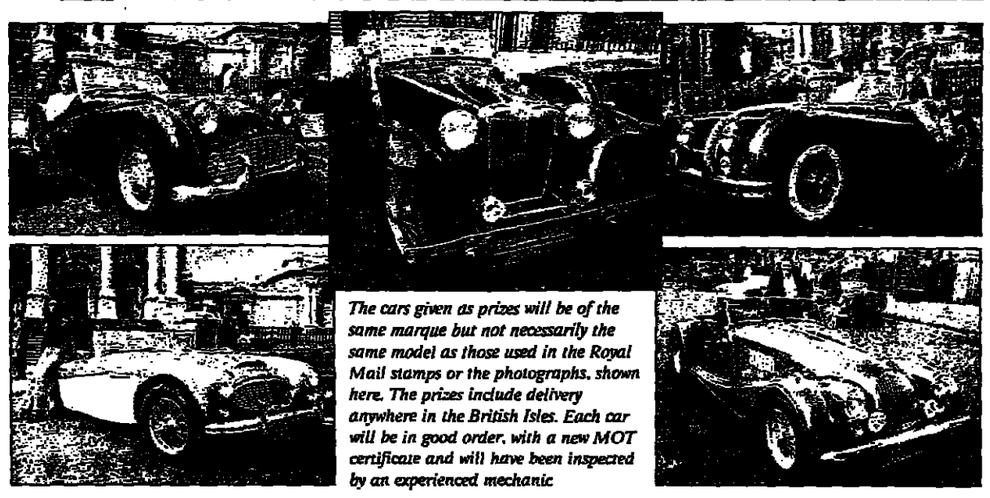
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Gaza City: Faced with a multi-million-pound bill, Yassir Arafat has barred Palestinian Authority officials from making overseas phone calls. One line reportedly ran up a bill of £212,000 in a month. *(AP)*

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CHANGING TIMES

Netanyahu rejects US peace calls

BY TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER

BINYAMIN Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, has brushed aside American calls for prompt action to revive the Middle East peace process, but said yesterday he was more optimistic about reaching an accord with the Palestinians than with Syria.

Insisting that he was determined to pursue peace with Syria after talks with President Clinton, Mr Netanyahu had rejected Administration calls to pull out Israeli troops from the West Bank city of Hebron. He said his Government was not bound by the previous Israeli Government's informal land-for-peace agreement with Damascus.

Mr Netanyahu told businessmen in New York yesterday: "At a certain point we will discover whether Syria is interested in peace. I'm more sanguine about the Palestinian plan."

Damascus, meanwhile, said Mr Netanyahu had put another nail in the peace process's coffin. The official *Al-Baath* newspaper said Israel must recognise that the Golan Heights should be returned to Syria.

Israel acts to weed out Russian mafia

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI police have drawn up a list of 35 leading members of the Russian mafia living in the Jewish state and have asked that Eli Suissa, the Interior Minister, take prompt action to deport them.

According to police sources, the suspects are involved in a wide range of criminal activity including arms smuggling, the illicit sale of radioactive material, gambling networks, white slavery and international prostitution. Equally worrying from the point of view of Israel's future is the claim that they have been using vast sums of cash generated by the mafia in the former Soviet Union to buy off local and national politicians.

Yesterday Israel Radio reported that the Palestinian police had also launched a crackdown on Russian mafia activities, ordering a halt to the building of a big casino and hotel complex in the newly autonomous Jericho region after intelligence reports that underworld figures from the former Soviet Union had infiltrated the scheme designed to attract gamblers from Israel, where casinos are banned.

The extent of the penetration by the Russian mafia of Israeli society, disclosed in a rash of police-inspired media reports, has shocked many Israelis. According to one senior police officer, at least £2.5 million of the estimated £19 million ferried out of former Soviet Union by the mafia and its rivals in recent years is thought to have been invested in Israel.

Asked whether claims that Israel could be put in a situation similar to that faced by America earlier this century, when underworld figures had much control over national life by means of their political influence, Moshe Shahal, the former Police Minister, told Israel Radio: "Yes, it is relevant." He would not be drawn further, saying that it was a matter for the police to handle.

According to police sources, the list of suspects was first handed to Avigdor Kahalani, the Internal Security Minister. The move came after a Cabinet briefing two weeks ago on the rise in organised crime in the country. Most of this is in the hands of former Soviet citizens, known generically as the Russian mafia although some come from Ukraine and other parts of the former Soviet Union.

Red tape smothers mixed romance

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

A STAR-CROSSED love affair between an Arab man and a Jewish woman, which began nearly 45 years ago, has been blighted again by threats of exile for three of their children after hopes that the 1994 Israeli-Jordanian Peace Treaty had at last brought the family happiness.

The family's plight has touched hearts on both sides of the Arab-Israeli divide and led to pressure on the Israeli Ministry of Interior to bend its usually rigid bureaucratic procedures.

Yediot Aharonot reported that the roots of the muddle go back to the ancient crusader port of Acre, in Israel, where in 1952 Waneta Cohen, a young Jewish girl of Bulgarian extraction, became pregnant by her 18-year-old Muslim neighbour, Hassan Arthawi. Both youngsters were disowned by their parents and Hassan was jailed for statutory rape. But after his release the couple escaped to Jordan, leaving behind their baby daughter to be raised by Waneta's relatives.

They might have remained in Jordan but for the 1994 treaty signed by the late Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Prime Minister, and King Husain which prompted them to try to return to their families, who had forgiven them and wanted them to return.

A year ago, according to friends, permission was granted for the couple to return to Israel with their three sons, aged 26, 23 and 20, to be reunited with their families and their daughter. The return was made possible when a senior rabbi, Bakshi Doron, announced that Waneta was still Jewish despite her conversion to Islam and that her children were also Jewish and therefore could immediately come to Israel, although they had all been born in Jordan.

In 1995 the family settled in Acre, and all went well until about six months ago when Hassan was taken into hospital. The youngest son, Yusef, asked to go to work to help the family. Under Israeli law he needed a work permit.

But when Waneta approached the Ministry of the Interior for the document, she was told that the temporary residence permits her children held as Jordanian citizens had expired and that all three would be deported to the Palestinian refugee camp in Jordan from which they had come. The parents, as Israeli citizens, were allowed to stay.

An Interior Ministry spokeswoman said: *"The issue is being looked into."*

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ALPHABETICAL GUIDE TO DEGREE VACANCIES: SCIENCES

SCIENCE degree vacancies appear today for the last time in this year's Degree Vacancies service.

Courses in science subjects are filling at a fast rate in many universities, but with a flexible approach, there should be degree places to be had throughout the remainder of the clearing process.

The Times service, the only daily national newspaper listing of degree vacancies, runs on a three-day cycle until Friday. The remaining vacancies in the arts and social science will be listed tomorrow, and engineering and technology will complete the process on Friday.

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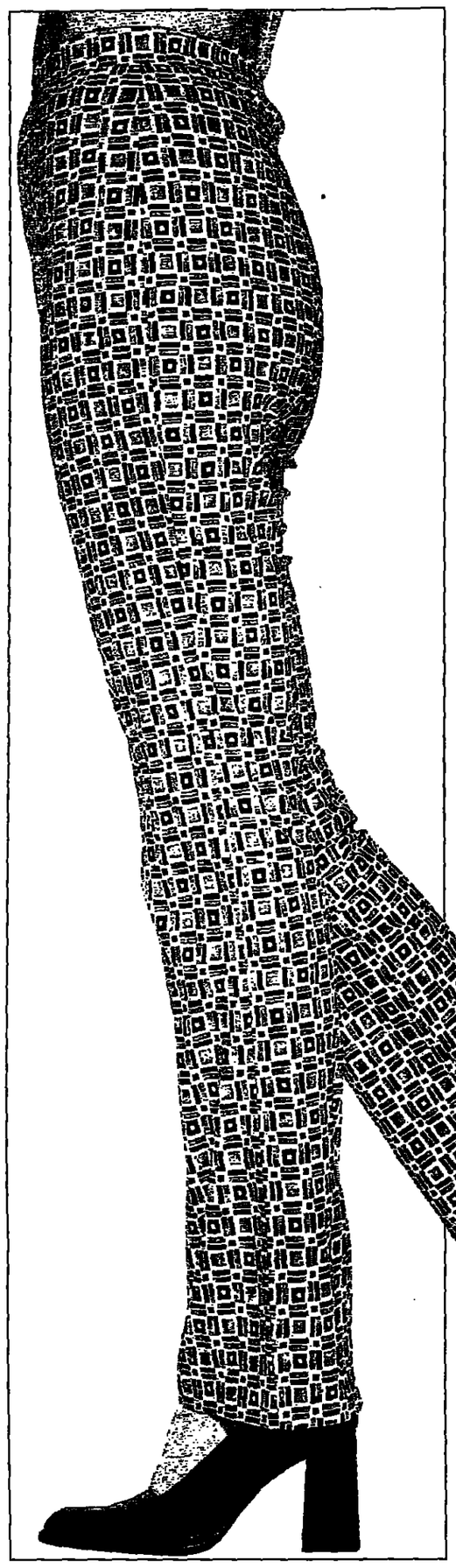
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Making a comeback with flare



Flared trousers are staging a return this autumn says Style Editor, **Grace Bradberry** but this time in the shape of the highly flattering bootcuts

Flares have been flapping around for several seasons now, but only the very tall and lean have so far dared to buy them.

And with good reason. They have an unerring ability to distort the body, shortening legs and widening hips.

But this autumn, flares really are making a comeback, though in a modified form. Bootcut trousers, so called because they kick out at the hem to allow room for high heels or boots, have made a comeback.

So what's different about bootcuts? Quite simply, they are flattering. The best ones elongate the leg, slim the thigh, and create a flat stomach. Worn long over the foot, they allow for a pair of heels, lengthening the legs still further.

This season's definitive pants were by Gucci. But they were also seen stalking the catwalk shows of Chanel, Anna Molinari and others, making already tall models look as though they were on stilts.

Joseph Ettedgui, the designer who heads the Joseph empire, has made something of a speciality of the cut. The fabric, he declares, is crucial. "The ideal fabric is not particularly traditional, but rather fluid, with a bit of body. Stretch is important."

For daytime, Joseph has taken what appear to be traditional tailoring fabrics, but mixed them with stretch fibres, so that the trousers hold their shape while following the body's curves.

As a result, the shape can be sharply defined. "For this winter, they should be worn quite tight," says Joseph. "And the kick should definitely begin just below the knee."

But the most important point to look for when buying bootcut trousers is that they actually fit at the thighs. Too tight, and they'll create a sausage effect, with the leg bulging out between the knee and hip.

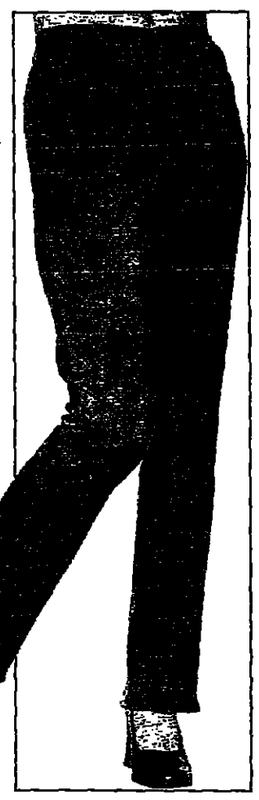
Whatever you choose to wear with the trousers, it should continue the long line. Slim-fitting shirts and turtle necks work well, but if you want to de-emphasise the bust then a jacket is probably the best option.

The one by Joseph (shown in the main picture), is short, neat and has a slightly shrunken silhouette.

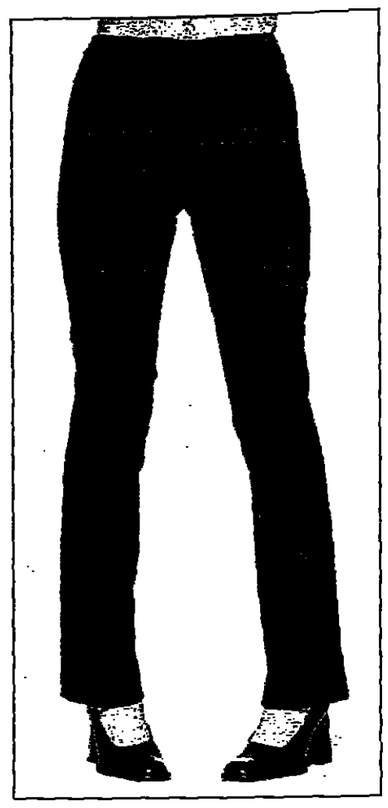
Leathers and suedes are everywhere this autumn, but beware anything too heavy as they will thicken the legs and blur the effect of what should be a sharply defined shape.

Finally, if you're looking for something more casual than the trousers featured here, then Levi's have brought back their classic boot-cut jeans at around £50 a pair, though different stores carry different prices.

And Farah trousers, skeletons in the cupboard of Seventies adolescence, are also back, with what they describe as "a new look for the chemical generation".



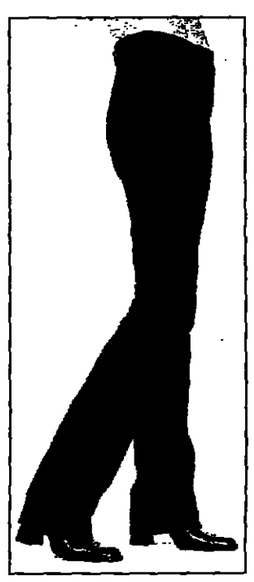
French Connection maple stretch bootcut hipsters with a jean-like look, £60. 249 Regent St, W1.



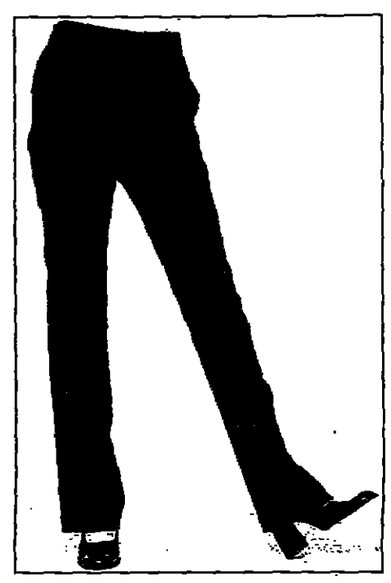
Kookai brown stretch velcro hipster, cut from heavy cotton with Lycra, £49.99. Available from high street branches nationwide.



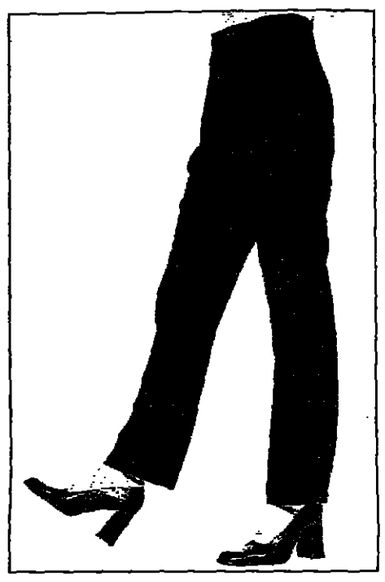
Jigsaw flat-front herringbone trousers with low-cut waistband and hip pockets, £72. 126-127 New Bond St, W1, and 39-43 King St, Manchester.



Plein Sud burgundy trousers, £189, Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW7



Whistles black/grey stripe wool twill trousers with very low waistband, £110, 27 Sloane Sq, SW1. Also at 9 High St, Oxford.



Dorothy Perkins chocolate brown boot cut gaberdine trousers with a narrow waistband and a hint of flare, £25, branches nationwide.



Naf Naf green stretch cotton optical print trousers, £49.95. (0171-580 7463).

Photographs: MANN and MAN
Model: Jayne Windsor, Select
Hair and make-up: Alex Babsky
Fashion Assistant: Bola Siwoku

THE VERDICT

FRENCH CONNECTION: Front pockets and belt loops on waistband give a jeans-like appearance to these. Cut short in the leg to stop above the ankle with a kick at the hem.

KOOKAI: Deep waistband which fits low on hips. Cut from heavy cotton with Lycra which ensures a very close fit. Short leg length reveals the ankle. Good as an everyday basic trouser.

JIGSAW: A well tailored herringbone tweed trouser, cut slim but not too tight on leg. Low-cut waistband, belt loops, practical hip pockets and a back pocket. Generous leg length which can be worn with any height of heel. An excellent work trouser.

PLEIN SUD: No waistband. Low cut on hips. Can be worn belted. Cut extremely long in the length, so requires a high heeled boot. A pronounced flare from knee to hem gives a dramatic and very flattering silhouette.

WHISTLES: Black/-Grey stripe wool twill with very low waistband. The pinstripes effectively slim and lengthen the leg. Extra long length and designed to be worn with a high heeled boot or shoe.

DOROTHY PERKINS: Gaberdine trousers with a simple styling and a narrow waistband. Cut loose on the leg with a hint of flare. Let down by the thinness of fabric.

NAF NAF: Green stretch cotton print trouser. Very slim fitting casual trouser cut to hug the hips. Unusual front patch pockets on hips and back. It provides a very flattering silhouette.

BOLA SIWOKU

Catwalk glam or sleek slick?

FRANCOIS Nars specialises in dramatic, movie-star looks for the catwalk, and is the latest in a string of make-up artists to introduce his own-label products to Britain.

The Nars range is for women who want to make an impact and are interested in fashion-show life. His Khaki and Togo eye colours featured in the Valentino and Istante shows, while Fuji (forest green) and Moulin Rouge (deep plum) dominated Ferretti and Philosophy.

The range isn't cheap. An eyeshadow duo costs £22, while sheer lipsticks, with names like Barbarella and Belle du Jour, are £15.50. From Space NK, 41 Earlham Street, Covent Garden, London, tel: 0171-379 7030.

SLICKED back hair is *the* style to have this autumn. It may look simple but, frankly, it's a real performance. First you need to dry the hair straight, then apply just enough and no more of a suitable finishing product. The truly fashion-conscious should look for Oribe Pomades (pronounced Or-bay apparently), which come in two quiff-creating strengths and are priced £8.50.

For real fashion victims, there are eight different colours for the antithesis of the natural look. These tint the hair then wash out, and cost £9.50. Available through Beauty Quest, a new mail-order club. Tel: 0541 505 000, or from Space NK.

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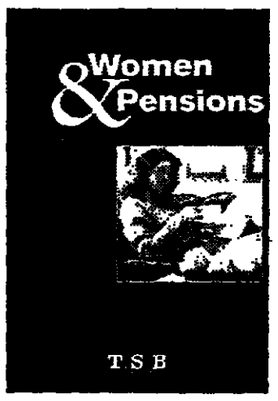
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Despite their early friendship, Dr Runcie believed that if Terry Waite "was going to be an international negotiator, he oughtn't to be on my staff"

Terry always enjoyed the centre stage

The Runcie Biography: Humphrey Carpenter reveals that when Terry Waite's life was on the line in Lebanon he felt a lack of support from the Archbishop

Meeting Terry Waite for the first time, I was not prepared for his size — he towers above everyone and is broadly built to match. At times he indulged in the relaxed bullying that a very big man can afford. I liked this side of him, but was less comfortable with what I soon found myself labelling his "holy" aspect — a solemn and self-consciously "religious" manner into which he was always slipping, quite unlike anything that I had experienced with Runcie.

I asked Waite why he had never been ordained. "For a very simple reason. I don't believe I have a priestly vocation. I have valued the freedom to move and work in a variety of ways ..." Did he feel, early on, that some great task was waiting for him, did he have a sense of looking for a dramatic role? "I don't believe so, although I've always been drawn towards situations that are very difficult, virtually impossible."

With hindsight, his extraordinary career as a superman liberator of hostages begins to look like a calculated reaction to Runcie's fence-sitting. "I'd never thought of that," said Waite. "If we look at the hostage episodes, it was quite clear that there was a point of very considerable principle.

"Also it became clear over Beirut that the Foreign Office was not getting anywhere, and knew very little, and would value an involvement by us. It seemed to me that if we claimed to be the Church of England, and not a sectarian group ... we ought to do it. And if we were to do it, we ought not to turn back when the going got tough."

At what point did he feel Runcie's support for him was waning? "Well, we were not having early success. We were in touch with Syria, we were in touch with the Lebanese, we were in touch with, oh, dozens of people, but nothing really seemed to be moving. And I think Robert felt, look, we're not really getting far ... We deliberately chose the strategy of going public, of giving



In February 1981 Terry Waite aided the release of three Anglican hostages from Iran

myself a public profile, in order to get a response from kidnappers ... But I think Robert thought I was making it too much of a personal crusade. And that would be a fair criticism."

I told Waite what Runcie had said to me: "Waite was initially a good friend and a good companion and we worked well together. But he always enjoyed centre stage; he was what Oliver North once called 'a grandstander' — but forgivably so. Of course it was totally absorbing to him, but if he was going to be an international negotiator he oughtn't to be on my staff."

Did Waite think this was fair comment? "No, I don't think it is, entirely. If he didn't want to get involved in it, he ought to have said so very clearly. In which case I could have said, 'Very well, in that case I resign, and I'll do it from another base.' I was quite prepared to do that. Once the American arms for hostages deal was exposed, I had to go back to Beirut, to demonstrate my good faith to the kidnappers. And what would it say to men who were in prison [they actually wrote to the Archbishop saying: 'Please help us'] if we said, sorry, we're pulling out because it's too tough? ... So I went back. I said, 'I damn well will, even if this costs me my life.' That may sound arrogant, but I was willing because it was so important."

In a sense, the half-heartedness of Runcie's support had made him go even further? "Absolutely. I admit to certain uncharitable thoughts, when I was ... in the Lebanon ... And my life was on the line every day. And I thought, am I really supported from home? And I wasn't."

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Runcie and Women

'I'd had girlfriends from the day when I first discovered what you could do in the back row of a cinema'

In the review of Waite's *Taken on Trust*, Robert Fisk, who had been *The Times* correspondent in Beirut during the hostage crisis, is very sceptical about Waite's position over Irangate. He writes: "After talking to the State Department he [Waite] banged down the phone with the words 'Bastards!' Even at that early stage, it seems, the Americans were two-timing Terry Waite."

I asked Waite what his feeling had been when the Irangate story broke. The picture he paints of North in his book is so cloak-and-dagger that it can scarcely have surprised him to see North's double-dealing revealed. "... My feeling was one of absolute sickness, because I realised that there was a chance here of myself being compromised, of the whole thing collapsing totally.... I mean, that's why I got on the phone to him immediately." He actually phoned North? "Yes, and asked him what the hell was going on. He simply said 'Oh don't worry, it'll be all right'."

I suggested to Waite that it was fair to say that he had left a lot of questions unanswered in his book, *Taken on Trust*. One was that while Waite fully described the physical discomforts of captivity, and the psychological uncertainty, I didn't get the feeling of absolute and utter despair which he must, surely, have felt at least from time to time. "No, I didn't. I don't think I did feel absolute and utter despair ... I said to myself, as I say in the book, death would be preferable to this living death. But I didn't particularly want to die in those circumstances, with my family and friends not knowing how I died."

Another area he didn't go into in the book was his relations with the other hostages when they were confined. "I have two reasons for that. One is that the book was written in my head, in captivity; it's primarily a book written from solitary. And when you move from solitary to be with others, a very different process takes place — you're into personal communication. The book, in a sense, ends when I join the others."

I could understand his not wanting to write about the others. But there must have been quite a lot of conflict between them all; surely that was when he must have learnt most about himself, seeing himself as they saw him? "Yes, there was conflict, but I don't think it was necessarily the conflict that one could really get hold of, because almost for the whole of that final year I was sick ... And a chronic irritation to the others because of it."

But did he have the experience, confined with the others, of seeing himself through other people's eyes? "Oh yes, of course, it's the most terrible thing. I'm not blind to that. I know my own failings."

I told Runcie I was puzzled that Waite could convince himself that he could spend the rest of his life sitting in his cottage in Suffolk writing books. Runcie replied: "He wants to be in action again."

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Smacking problems for step-parents in the new family order

Everyone knows what they think about the thwacked boy who is taking his case to Europe. The row chugs on, covering all-too-familiar tracks. We are familiar with the arguments: the anti-smackers champion his case, seeing in it hope that the smacking of children will, finally, be outlawed over here. Smackers denounce all this modern, soft euro-folly, shaking their heads and sorrowfully wishing that reason and authority will prevail.

But neither reaction is to the point here. This is not a case about whether parents should or should not be allowed to smack their children. The difficulty, however, is that it is always difficult to stay out of that particular argument. It is so tempting to weigh in, to remark that even pro-smackers might see that going at a child regularly with a stick is beyond the realms of "reasonable chastisement", that it does not even constitute smacking.

John Major's contribution here is notably flawed. God, how depressing it is to have as one's Prime Minister a man who says: "My children were dealt with at home by Norma and I in a way that was appropriate and personal to them." If you think it is the thought that counts, then you might concede him this one — but *by Norma and I*?

If this case were simply about what rights parents have over their children and what rights the state has over parents, we could gaily carry on down this particular road. But this would be spectacularly to miss the point: this case is not about the family but about the step-family, an entirely different matter.

With more than half of all first marriages (and a notable chunk of second marriages) ending in divorce, the step-family is the new norm. And because it has become so familiar, we think we are at home with the new rules. We are not. And they are different. That should, surely, be recognised.

To some extent we do acknowledge this extraordinarily sensitive difference, although not explicitly, I think, though, that it is shown in the nervousness with which we are conducting this debate, the way we skirt around the details. That it was the stepfather wielding the stick is certainly mentioned, as is the fact that the boy's natural father is supporting his son's action. But there is a curious silence about the implications of all this. Oh, perhaps it is insinuated that there might be a little tension there, some conflict. But let's take it out of the personal arena. The relationship between the two husbands, one ex, one current, in this case, is not in itself the point. But we are right to look at the relationship, generally, between a child and a step-parent. We are wrong to presume that, give or take a bit of blood, things are the same or ever could be.

Theoretically, one could insist that there is no difference who is wielding the stick. I am not sure I would want to argue the toss, but I think we are right to feel nervous about any step-parent's chastisement of a child. We do not own our children but we are responsible for them, and I mean viscerally so, rather than simply legally. There are many real fathers who beat their children — the blood tie does not ensure better treatment — but we understand the often murky depths of the bond between parent and child. What is the bond between step-parent and child? Why should one even exist? The relationship is between the adults.

We are all well-versed in the horrors of the evil stepmother.

> Whatever the judges decide, who makes the rules when slapping adult and slapped child are unrelated by blood?

Reading children's stories to my daughter, I am appalled at the intensity and frequency of her depiction. The cruel step-father is largely absent from the children's canon, but the stories that do exist tell us enough about a child's fear of betrayal in the home.

To be sure, one must presume that on the whole a child's experience of step-parents is not a tortured one, although there are bound to be difficulties. A mother of unruly children might well,



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after exhausting years as a single parent, like to have a man around to take them in hand. That is, after all, what she will have been told they need (I would concur, with the proviso that the man they need is their father). She might be grateful to be taken on and taken in together with the children (we are sensitive enough about paternity to have, culturally, a shared nervousness about one man's acceptance of another man's child) and might be relieved to be given support in disciplining them.

But her children, surely, would be right to resent this interloper, to wonder what right he has to tell them what to do, to take parental responsibility for them, let alone to hit them. To the mother it might look generous, to the child it would inevitably seem mean.

We, too, are right to question the appropriateness of such behaviour. But then, what is or is not appropriate in a number of familial matters must also now be up for inspection. When, in November last year, someone in the photographic department of Boots went to the police about some photos taken of Julia Somerville's naked child, the debate that followed was predictable. Was childhood innocence dead and buried? Must we see pornography everywhere? Must our minds be clouded by the obscenities of child abuse?

Of course, the man behind the counter had no idea who had taken the photos, so that could not colour his judgment. But again, there seemed to be some nervousness about the public reaction later. No one said as much — and I don't mean to imply any inappropriate behaviour in this instance — but I think we all felt that we were less sure of the rules when it involved an unofficial stepfather in the house.

Again, I don't need telling that men have, since time immemorial, interfered with their daughters. But I do believe that our increasing sensitivity about the sexual abuse of children is due to the increasing number of step-families. What taboos really exist between step-parent and child? None — for all the biblical proscriptions — that protects either of them.

In discussing these situations as if the words father and stepfather were all but interchangeable, we are denying the way in which the roles differ. I have often thought that the terms stepfather and stepmother are fundamentally unhelpful. They blur the fact that there is no necessarily parental relationship there at all. There is a sexual relationship between one of the child's parents and someone else: the children involved might have a close relationship with the partners of either parent, but that does not make those partners ersatz or additional parents. Indeed, the most successful step-relationships exist when neither party makes such a claim.

This is not to discredit the set-up that might now exist — I know from my own experience that there are pleasures and benefits, too, in the modern extended family — but we have to accept that things have changed and the law, too, should take this into account.

Perhaps this is too cynical, but I cannot help thinking that with such a large part of the electorate consisting of step-families, we are a long way from seeing any politician with his eye on his vote doing anything to acknowledge these new dangers or to tackle the new taboos. It is up to us. And maybe it is better that way — only we cannot, must not, shirk it.

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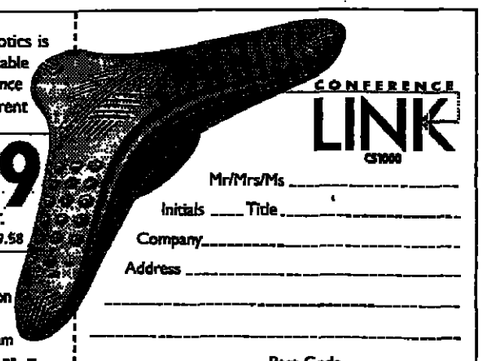
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■ Man has a new best friend, but the police don't want to know

I do not want to write this piece. Not only is it going to be a really gruesome piece, which means that many of you will not want to read it — especially if it is your habit to prop *The Times* against the cruet set while you spoon down your morning roughage — but it is also going to be the sort of piece which generates sackfuls of replies, many of them written in the spidery hand and emerald ink of the completely demented.

That is because the piece is about cats. You will therefore instantly appreciate that though neither I may want to write it nor you to read it, duty miaows. For British cats are suddenly more important than they have ever been, not simply for themselves but for their prime position as cultural signifiers, now that their population, as of this year's pet census, outnumbers, for the first time, that of dogs. I do not know why this has happened, they do not fetch our slippers, they do not bite our burglars, they do not even bring our sticks back, yet nonetheless cats have now achieved a national significance second, quadripodally at least, to none.

But it is not, it seems, significant enough. I know this because, when I went to my gate this morning to collect the milk, there was a dead cat in the road. At some earlier point it had been flattened, and it was all too pitiably evident that the later the morning had grown, the flatter had grown the cat, so that matters had now reached a point where some kind of expert would be required to separate it from the tarmac. And, furthermore, to notify the bereaved. So I rang the police.

To discover, to my astonishment, the insignificance of what is now man's best friend. For while the police will pull out all the official stops to deal with a dead, or merely missing, dog, when it comes to cats, *de minimis non curat lex*.

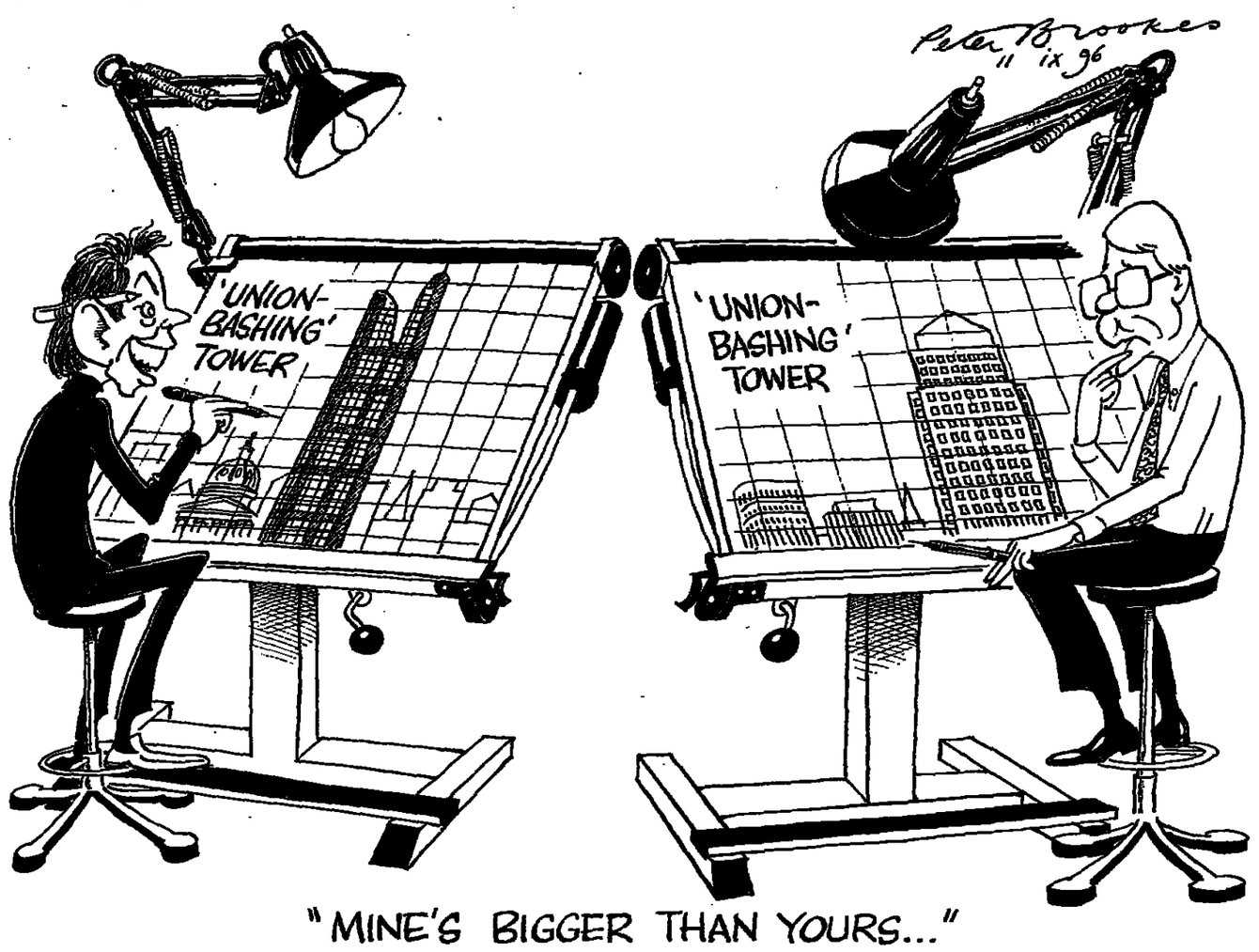
The cat, alive or dead, has no constabulary status. It is, I was informed in the Bill's drear jargon, non-notifiable. So what do I do? I said. You phone Barnet Council's Highway Cleaning Department, said the Bill. They, it added tenderly, will send a bloke round to scrape it up.

Scrape it up? Someone loved this cat — indeed probably still does, not yet knowing that it will never again pop through the catflap, having reached a state where it could as easily be slid under the door. The ex-owner should be compassionately told what had happened, not left to speculate and fret, or wander the streets day and night calling its name, putting out bowls of milk or marrowbone jelly destined only to attract unpet flies. More yet, they should be told that it was dead so that they could grieve, and, more still, be given the opportunity to retrieve their loved one, roll it up, and bury it in some dappled garden spot, erect a headstone, bedeck the poignant mound with catnip, all that.

What am I to do for the best? Two hours have passed since I rang the Highway Cleaning Department, but their grim scraper hasn't yet arrived, and I can't decide what to do when he does: ask him for the scrapings — even though he is sure to claim he is not empowered to release these under Section 12 of the Highways (Scrapings) Act 1934, folding money may sometimes spot a loophole — and divine some way of finding their proper resting place? If so, how? Wait for a note to be put on a gate about a missing cat, with a description now utterly unhelpful and a name to which it is no longer in a position to answer? Put one on my own asking if anyone has lost a tyre-coloured moggy three feet square? And how long, never mind where, should I be expected to keep feline remains, the weather still being mild for the time of year?

Two further cars have just rendered the problem yet more insoluble: by the time the Council turns up, it could be a question of cat, what cat. I trust this is not some kind of prank, we are up to here with hedgehogs as it is. So can any good emerge from all this? Well, just possibly, for though this cat's fate is sadly sealed, it may unseal the fate of others: I ask for the law to be changed to make cats notifiable, so that they fall within the reach of its long arm. That is why I have written this piece.

Despite a strong suspicion that the Bill will have wanted me to write it even less than I did.



"MINE'S BIGGER THAN YOURS..."

Proud to be a cynic

Clinton has betrayed the Kurds. So why do Major and Blair grovel to him?

Simon Jenkins

In October 1983, America invaded the Caribbean mini-state of Grenada to topple a nasty regime. It did so in defiance of a United Nations resolution and of international law. The invasion was shambolic. American "precision bombing" wiped out Grenada's mental hospital, killing some 50 patients. Margaret Thatcher publicly berated Ronald Reagan, despite his support for her Falklands campaign a year earlier. Friends must speak honestly to friends, she said. Wrong is wrong. Great powers must respect state borders if they are to expect others to respect them. I was proud of Mrs Thatcher that day.

This week, Britain has grovelled before Bill Clinton's bombing of Iraq. Both John Major and Tony Blair felt obliged to support it. America's other allies behaved like sovereign states. The French, the Germans, even the Irish, thought and acted for themselves. Every British minister and diplomat privately thought Washington's action pure opportunism. But the whoosh of an American missile had knees jerking to attention all over London. Uncle Sam is right, even if wrong. It was a humiliating spectacle.

Mr Clinton's bombing succeeded in its unspoken goal. As today's *Time* magazine trumpets, his domestic standing has risen, with a 70 per cent approval for the bombing and for "using military force to remove Saddam from power". The same poll showed 60 per cent opposed to doing this in the only way possible, by deploying ground troops. But consistency has never been a requisite of democracy.

Too bad if Saddam is now stronger. Too bad if America's tactic of bolstering Kurdistan is in ruins. Too bad if the CIA is forced to rat on its friends and leave them to be shot in the streets of Arbil. Too bad if millions of dollars are wasted, an alliance is wrecked and an unknown number of people are *mutilated* or killed. The President's poll rating is up. The operation is a success.

But why does Britain need to be party to all this? Why does Mr Major have to claim, absurdly, that the bombing was "needed to prevent another humanitarian disaster"? Why does Labour's Robin Cook gabble about the bombing being to "protect the safe havens"? He could read in *The Independent* (as his MI6-briefed staff must already have told him) the revelation that America had refused to protect these havens as recently as last July. As for the "pin-point" accuracy of the missiles, over which the British press drooled at the weekend, Mr Major found himself supporting the second missile raid because the first "was not as successful as one might have wished".

When British diplomats are in craven mode, they cite Lord Melbourne's famous plea for support not when he was in the right, but when he was in the wrong. Yet Mr Clinton was not seeking the right or wrong thing to do in Iraq. He was acting from self-interest. So too were the French and the Arab states who opposed the American action. Iraq has become a supermarket where any statesman may shop for domestic profit. Britain might have some interest in Saddam's downfall, or in weakening him, or in helping the Kurds. But no sane person could believe that Tomahawks would do any such things.

As Charles Glass points out in this week's *TLS*, the history of Western deviousness in Kurdistan knows no bounds. It began with Britain's bombing of Kurdish villages in the 1920s. The Americans succoured the Kurdish leader, Mulla Barzani, against Saddam in the 1970s, then ratted on him. They then succoured his son, Massoud Barzani, and last month ratted on him. He learned from his father's mistake and chose Saddam's support as the lesser evil. To be anyone's worse evil than Saddam Hussein takes some doing: Nato has done it.

What the West did in 1991 was reprehensible. Faced with distressing television images of refugees, Nato declared Kurdistan safe. This was a cynical, media-driven act which Nato knew it could not honour. As with Bosnia, the outside world was half-guaranteeing the security of a half-sovereign state. There are some 20 million Kurds — making the world's largest nation without a state — who foolishly thought in 1991 that their *de facto* independence might be a legacy of the Gulf War. They were deceived. They appear to have chosen a period of cowed stability under the Turkish-Iraqi diarchy.

A bizarre group of lobbyists, from the Tories' Lord Archer to Labour's Ann Clwyd, have ridden to the cause of the Kurdish faction opposed to Barzani, the Iran-backed PUK. They wish the West to renew its guarantee to Kurdistan as a whole and put troops on the ground. This parodies the most reckless of romantic Arabist fantasies. A Western military guarantee to Kurdistan was a cruel deceit in 1991: today it would be meaningless. Which Kurds? Whose Kurdistan? The last remnants of the 1991 guarantee — some 200 CIA agents — are now being rescued from the mountains, leaving their erstwhile friends to be shot by fellow Kurds.

Those Britons demanding war on Saddam are "killing Kruger with their mouths". Hundreds if not thousands of Iraqis must have died as a direct result of America's hamfisted covert intervention against Saddam since 1990. Foreign involvement in other people's internal wars should be privatised. It should be left to mercenaries, philanthropists and expatriates. When Britons sought to defeat Franco in the 1930s, they did so as private citizens and with their own lives at risk, not from the comfort of armchairs and television studios.

On this page last week, Lawrence Freedman criticised those who doubt America's motives in Iraq. He did so on the eccentric grounds that America is "setting Saddam rules to live by". He said, in effect, that any bombing by Washington is better than none and deserves support. An occasional missile sent round the globe reminds the world who is boss.

This is a revival of the policy of "containment by overkill", advocated by Henry Kissinger in Laos and Cambodia during the Vietnam war. The pure terrorism of American military hardware, goes the argument, should make lesser mortals rein back on their atrocities. America can always bomb them into the Dark Ages. They should beware. But while this concept had some application to the Cold War, it had none in South-East Asia and has none today. America is an impatient, half-hearted boss, and that is worse than no boss at all.

There are now two contrasting and incompatible approaches to handling dictators. One abuses them, ostracises them, occasionally bombs them. It is easy and morally glamorous, but it never delivers the goods. Libya, Somalia, Bosnian Serbia and Iraq stand out in defiance. The other approach leaves them to stew in their own juice. It does not attack an oppressed people with the further oppression of sanctions or elevate its rulers into anti-American heroes. This approach believes that capitalism, trade and contact do more to promote political change than boycott and aggression.

The appeal of the first approach seems never to fade. Nobody questions the effectiveness of bombs and embargos: people merely demand more of them. A myriad of Western institutes and academies, seminars and conferences, steer clear of the central question of world policing: why do bombs and sanctions fail to convert evil dictatorships into stable democracies? Punditry is seized by the intellectual terror that afflicted the early years of the Cold War. Saddam is loathsome. Openly to advocate "doing nothing about Saddam", for whatever reason, is the equivalent of being "soft on communism". Any act, however stupid or counterproductive, is better than nothing.

The truth is that foreign policy in a democracy remains, as always, a subset of domestic policy. It is about display, show, bravado and self-interest. The shambles this week in Kurdistan was a passing sideshow. As a Washington official reportedly told Barzani last month, when he pleaded for help against his rivals, "We have bigger fish to fry than the Kurds." Small wonder he smelt American treachery and went for help to Saddam. Only after Barzani and his new Iraqi backers secured the easy fall of Arbil did Washington send missiles, "as a message to Saddam". We have seen this past week what that message was: Kurds need not vote for Bill Clinton but Americans should.

If that is cynical, I am proud to be a cynic. How else can an American look a Kurd in the eye just now? Why Mr Major had to put his name to such a trick beats me. Why Mr Blair had to agree with him is a yet greater mystery.

Putting the V & A to shame

Marc Jordan on the National Portrait Gallery

This summer, the heritage world has again been agog at events at the Victoria and Albert Museum. First there was the unveiling of designs for a new £42 million building on its Boilerhouse site. It is possible that the glass-clad, fractured polygon designed by the Israeli architect Daniel Libeskind could be an ornament to London, but only on a site of its own, where it would be gallery and sculpture in one, like the Guggenheim Museum in New York. Inserted in the mellow Victorian terracotta of Exhibition Road, it would look plain silly. Then there was the series of mishaps that led to the National Heritage Memorial Fund acquiring the Beckett *chasse* on behalf of the V & A for £4 million, a year after it had been offered privately to the British Museum for half that amount.

Less widely noticed, perhaps because camouflaged by the predictable *brouhaha* over the glass polygon, was the decision of the museum's new director Alan Borg to replace the current "voluntary" entrance charge with a compulsory one of £5 from the beginning of next month. Let us hope that Dr Borg's move is a cry for help and not a statement of professional conviction, since the past decade has seen an overall 50 per cent upward trend in the numbers of visitors to non-charging national museums, and a matching decline in visits to those that do.

After this it is pleasant to turn to a more uplifting tale, albeit about a smaller and less grand institution, but one that is just as central to our cultural life. Tonight the National Portrait Gallery, whose director Charles Saumarez Smith recently reiterated his commitment to free entrance, opens its refurbished first-floor galleries, rehung with its 19th and earlier 20th-century collections. The project ought to be a cause for quiet satisfaction to Dr Saumarez Smith and the architect, Piers Gough. They have used the opportunity offered by building work necessary to renew the wiring, sprinklers and alarms to revive the mainly hidden 19th-century architecture of the existing rooms and to create an engaging new gallery within a neutral shell previously used for exhibitions.

Gough installed the Lutyens exhibition in the Hayward Gallery in 1981 — one of the few occasions when that unlovely concrete bunker was a humane setting for art. He has brought a similarly restrained sense of theatre to his restoration of the old rooms at the Portrait Gallery, unblocking windows and removing 1970s plasterboard from archways, cornices and architraves, and hanging the walls with violet, burnt-orange and plum-coloured silks. The result is a dignified but far from oppressively historicist setting for Victorian worthies, who are cantilevered out from the walls in a very un-club-like way by the ingenious system Gough has devised to mitigate the effect of daylight falling from the side.

For the great, the good and the notorious of the first six decades of the 20th century, Gough has provided something quite different. To hide the new services, he has designed a swooping and curving ceiling that is reminiscent of a Thirties liner or the Festival of Britain. The room over which it presides is brightly lit by natural light from the tall windows overlooking Orange Street, and many of the pictures are hung on clear glass walls. The contrast with the enfilade of 19th-century galleries is piquant. But it is subtle and intelligent too, reflecting the uniquely romantic brand of modernism which in this country succeeded the public solemnity of the pre-1914 world.

The Portrait Gallery will not be resting on its laurels, however. Like everyone else, it has a millennium project — for which it is seeking a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Circulation in the building has always been awkward: around 70 per cent of visitors see the ground floor, but not many reach the top.

Jeremy Dixon and Edward Jones, architects of the Royal Opera House redevelopment, have proposed to build a new wing on the only available site, a narrow backyard that separates the gallery from the National Gallery. It will provide a basement lecture theatre, a mezzanine gallery and a new top-floor gallery to display properly the fine Tudor collection, which includes the great Holbein cartoon of Henry VIII.

Above all, it includes a handsome and spacious new entrance hall leading from the Victorian one, with a glass-sided escalator rising directly to the top floor. And on the roof will be a café with a glass-fronted loggia giving panoramic views across the roofscape of the National Gallery to Trafalgar Square, Whitehall and Westminster.

Earlier this year the gallery launched its centenary appeal. If it can raise £4 million towards the £16 million needed to open this new building in January 2000, it is hopeful of £12 million of lottery money. So far there have been promises of £1.7 million. There are all sorts of reasons why the continuing expansion should be supported, not least because in this relativistic and integrationist age the collection tells the story of the achievements of English history and the people who were and are the achievers. And there is a fine architectural irony: while Dixon Jones's building will have a particularly elegant and satisfying interior, it will be enveloped on all four sides by existing buildings, and so have no exterior at all.

Retrievers

ELECTRONIC tags are being inserted into the Queen's dogs to prevent them from going missing. The idea was suggested to Her Majesty two years ago, after Prince Charles lost Pooh, his Jack Russell, which was never found despite an intensive dog-hunt around the Balmoral estate.

Two royal spaniels have had microchips implanted. The size of grains of rice, these contain data about their owner. If lost, the spaniels can be traced by a scanner and the Queen's many other dogs — corgis, labradors and so on — are expected to be tagged soon.

"Her Majesty wanted to show her support for the RSPCA-backed tagging system," says the Palace.

The Prince of Wales, who took on a replacement puppy after Pooh went missing down a rabbit hole, is said to be considering tagging his dogs as well. But retainers at the Palace are unsure about the experiment. Many would like to see the last of the ankle-biting mutts.

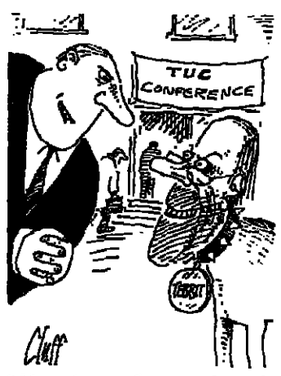
● *Eric Cantona has found a new game. After painting, acting, theatrical patronage and literary criticism he has turned to chess. His favoured haunt of late has been Café Renoir, a small French-style joint in Manchester frequented by students. There he holds court over a chess board, discussing strategies through cappuccino-fuelled afternoons.*

THE TIMES DIARY

Eye-eye

THURSDAY night saw the Duke of York supping with the Royal College of Opthalmologists in London. The evening grew bibulous as the eye-men spotted the optics behind the bar.

Fortunately, the Duke doesn't have to worry about missing the last bus. A helicopter was on hand to sweep him back to his naval base in Portland, Dorset. The next morning, however, he felt a familiar throbbing behind the eyes. He dozed, woke, and dozed again until he saw the time. Diving headlong into his kit, he made it to his first engagement of the day, a plaque unveiling in Portland — an apologetic 15 minutes late.



"How do you fancy being Mr Blunkett's new guide dog?"

Big star

A HUGE star is to fill our screens. Washington Sixolo is the dome-bellied and chesty South African actor who plays King Lobengula, ruler of the Matabele, in the BBC's forthcoming epic series about Cecil Rhodes. His friend is larger still.

When David Drury, the director, first met Sixolo, the man-mountain was accompanied by an individual who dwarfed even him. The friend fixed Drury with a hard stare and listened in disarming silence as he outlined the plot. "I was talking about King Lobengula and felt increasingly uncomfortable as I realised that I hadn't researched the subject thoroughly," says Drury.

Only after he had finished did the biggest man reveal his identity. He is great grandson of King Lobengula, and declaring "It was so", he authorised the project, and Sixolo was secured.



Sixolo: man-mountain

Harrowing

OUR parliamentarians were left kicking their heels the other day when they turned out to play the Old Harrovians at the school, in a fixture that goes back many years.

A sunny day and perfect conditions, mused John Redwood, limbering up as he watched the groundsmen prepare the wicket. "Then I learnt from the groundsmen that the wicket wasn't being prepared for us, it was for a game the following weekend. Our match had been cancelled," he said. "Everybody on the team seemed to turn out, but nobody told us. Although it was nice to go back and do some work, it was a shame not to get some practice for the Europhile *v* Eurosceptic match we're planning."

Has landed

ORNITHOLOGICAL news wings its way from Ireland. The former Taoiseach Charles Haughey has been reunited with his pet sea eagle, which flew off four years ago. He likened the bird, with its horrid talons, to Margaret Thatcher.

Haughey became acquainted with two eagles — Maeve (female) and Aillil (male) — some years ago when he started tracking them on his island, Inis Mhicileain. He soon became adept at handling them. "I've dealt with Maggie in my day," he would explain. But four years ago, Maeve disappeared — only to reappear recently. "We were so excited," says Haughey. "She was flying so well."



Bird in the hand

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TAINTED GOLD

Switzerland's behaviour is unworthy of a democracy

The Foreign Office report on Nazi gold is a fascinating account of greed, deception and double-dealing half a century ago. It does not admit to any British conspiracy to hide ill-gotten ingots in the Bank of England. But it does point to an almost unconscionable delay in overcoming the legal and bureaucratic obstacles that stood between the Nazis's victims, or their heirs and representatives, and the money plundered from them to fund Hitler's war machine.

More damningly, it points to the outrageous refusal by Switzerland, by far the largest beneficiary of German gold exports, to hand over more than a fraction of the huge sum of booty hidden in Swiss vaults. The issue is certainly one which the Swiss, with their tidy habit of hiding away past embarrassments, want to forget. Malcolm Rifkind should tell them bluntly during his visit next week that their behaviour has been immoral, selfish and unworthy of a democratic nation. He should demand that they step up their half-hearted response to regular inquiries by Holocaust victims.

The Foreign Office report, drawn from documents already declassified, is a crisp and well-compiled historical survey. It highlights, with the help of historical distance, the two awkward issues the Allies had to face in their relations with the neutral countries both during and after the war. How could they limit the economic dealings between Nazi Germany and countries such as Sweden and Switzerland without infringing their neutral status? And what legal instrument could they use after Hitler's defeat to ensure restitution of the gold to its rightful owners?

Britain's Ministry of Economic Warfare knew that Switzerland, and to a lesser extent Sweden and Portugal, were vital sources of foreign currency, which Berlin bought with gold seized from Jewish families and businesses and melted down. It favoured a tough approach to the Swiss, warning them that they would have to answer to the Allies if they continued accepting gold seized from occupied Europe. The Bank of England, however, was more circumspect. It recognised that the gold was impossible to trace, that sanctions against the Swiss would backfire — the Allies also needed Swiss francs — and that the gold's owners would be almost impossible to trace later.

So it turned out. The Swiss, who heeded allied warnings only late in the war, denied at their first encounter with postwar negotiators that they held any looted gold. The lie was quickly detected. But when the miserly payment of 250 million Swiss francs was agreed, they were left with approximately seven-eighths of the Nazis' gold still in their vaults.

For the past 50 years, various groups have attempted to appeal to the Swiss conscience. Such a commodity appears to be in short supply in Zurich. The arbiters of Swiss banking secrecy rebuffed all attempts by survivors, Jewish groups and American congressional committees to reveal the full extent of their wartime gains. But repeated accusations that the Swiss have been laundering the money of crooks, drug-dealers and dictators as well as the Nazis have begun to have effect. Banking secrecy is not the steel door that it once was. The Swiss have accepted that their banks have no business living off the proceeds of crime, and in many cases now co-operate with international investigators.

That makes it all the more worrying that they have refused to open all the files on their wartime dealings. Repaying today's full value of the presumed gold holdings would indeed be very expensive. But if Switzerland, slowly inching out of its self-imposed international isolation, really wants to make amends for its ambiguous wartime behaviour, it should give free rein to the new commission of experts who will look into the dealings with Nazi Germany. Britain, as a member of the Tripartite Gold Commission, has a residual responsibility here. Mr Rifkind's talks with Flavio Cotti, his opposite number, would carry more weight if the Foreign Secretary could also announce that the British Government had found an appropriate home for its own holdings of Nazi gold forthwith.

THIS IS GOING TO HURT US

Parents should be allowed to use reasonable force

Growing up in a family is a dress rehearsal for adulthood in the wider world. The family has its own laws, its policemen, judges and jury (usually the same people) and its sanctions. In this structured environment, children learn about right and wrong, responsibilities and duties, sharing and altruism. Parents, in return for giving their offspring unconditional love and care, earn the right to act as enforcers of family law.

Into this microcosm of society the State intrudes at its peril. Only if parents are guilty of serious abuse or neglect should Government have a right to intervene. That is why there is such justified nervousness about the case of the 12-year-old boy who has taken his case to the European Commission of Human Rights, claiming that the Government failed to protect him against the corporal punishment of his stepfather.

Nobody denies that Government should protect children against sadistic physical abuse. It does so already: parents can be prosecuted for assault occasioning actual bodily harm. But they can defend themselves by showing that the punishment concerned constituted "reasonable chastisement". In this case, the stepfather was charged and acquitted, presumably because the jury thought the punishment was reasonable.

Like most hard cases, this one is very unusual. The punishment, a beating with a cane, was so severe that it needed hospital treatment. Yet the crime — trying to stab a brother with a kitchen knife — was also extremely serious. The boy's mother describes him as "totally out of control". His natural father is siding with him against the stepfather; so family politics may be a factor too.

Campaigners against corporal punishment see this case as a way of prising further open the door through which the State can enter the family home. They want all physical chastisement to be made illegal, as it is in six other European countries. But to equate a thrashing with a garden cane, which leaves weals for doctors to treat, with a smack on a toddler's bottom or hand is wilfully misleading. Most parents know that, as a last resort, a moderate smack can be a more effective, and less hurtful, form of discipline than a lengthy banishment from parental affection and attention.

It is true that adults are not allowed to smack each other. But children do not have identical rights; nor do they have identical responsibilities. Adults feed, house, finance and care for their children. And they protect them; so, like the police with the citizen, they have an asymmetrical relationship with their children.

Family dynamics would change if corporal punishment were made illegal. The natural parental authority without which a family cannot function would start to break down if children knew that they could threaten to report their parents to the police if the ultimate sanction were used. Already some pupils use the Children Act to intimidate their teachers. Classroom discipline has suffered as a result.

The existing law of assault should be adequate to deal with "cruel or unusual" beatings of children. It does not need to be changed to make the average, caring parent a criminal.

ALIEN CORN

All argument is against it, but all belief is for it

The British Association yesterday considered BSE, the blues that our prehistoric ancestors played on their flutes of bone and the paranormal. This last may seem an unprofessional topic for a gathering of scientists; but science is concerned with phenomena and no phenomenon should be alien to a scientist.

Indeed, the phenomenal cult popularity of such television programmes as the *The X Files* and such films as *Independence Day* has attracted the attention of a discord of experts. So has the astonishing prevalence of the belief, not only in America, that a person has been abducted by aliens or has seen a UFO. Fox Mulder's office in *The X Files* is decorated with a fuzzy photograph of a UFO with the paranormal credo "I want to believe". His beautiful sidekick, Dana Scully, always seeks a rational explanation, but by the end of each episode she has to look at Mulder with a wild surmise, and accept the possibility of clandestine alien hokum. Thus yesterday the British Association materialised into the alien world of visitants from outer space, all said to be wearing even stranger things than the anoraks and tweed ties of the scientists' premier division.

Being scientists, they looked for a rational explanation for the irrational. A persuasive paper argued that "sleep paralysis" lies behind accounts of alien abduction and other such happenings. This phenomenon happens when a person on the cusp of sleep lies semi-conscious and aware, but cannot move. Such people are experiencing the paralysis that normally occurs during dreaming, as a natural safety-belt to prevent us from acting out our dreams. And the beauty of this theory is that it offers a scientific explanation for not just the paranormal obsessions of today, but also for the ghosts of the past. Sleep paralysis might lie behind the medieval incubus which was supposed to have sexual intercourse with women in their sleep, and the succubus which performed a similar office upon men as they slept unable to defend themselves.

For a ghost is the outward and visible sign of an inward fear. Each age and culture finds the contemporary ghosts it needs to embody its fears. Old ghosts carried their heads under their arms or squeaked and gibbered in the Roman streets, wearing Shakespearian sheets. New ghosts are extraterrestrial homunculi, or mysterious flashing lights and ultra-technical sounds.

Sleep paralysis sounds reasonable. But it is a scientific explanation of experiences that are meant to resist science. Ghosts fear no scientific laws, nor do they care for popular applause. So true believers will not be put off by the British Association's rational explanations of their beliefs. They will still be obsessed by what they think they see standing behind the scientists.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Britain and EU at odds on Iraq

From Sir Frederic Bennett

Sir, It is wholly misleading for Malcolm Rifkind to point a finger at M Chirac as the scapegoat for his own failure to achieve a unanimous, or even majority, EU decision in support of Washington's resort to military action against Iraq because of its recent armed incursions into the purported Kurdish "safe area" in the north of that country (report, September 9).

The unpalatable truth is that objections to, and misgivings about, the American response were and are widespread. The UN Security Council, including a majority of the five permanent members, and despite rigorous urgings by the UK, refused to endorse it or even condemn Iraq's action.

There was a similar negative reaction by the Arab League, including those member states which were part of the American-led coalition formed to counter Saddam's invasion of Kuwait — eg, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan.

As Sir Edward Heath has rightly emphasised, there is a general feeling of unease, and a need for elucidation about the sense and the motivation of the American bombardment of strategic air defence bases in the South of Iraq, as a relevant tactic in seeking to relieve the oppression of Kurds in the North. The inhabitants there have been engaged in an internecine civil war, with one side apparently favouring an accommodation with Baghdad and the other preferring ties with Iran, the other principal *bête noire* of the US.

Merits of the whole operation apart, there is surely something almost comic about the UK, with its long record of vetoing any and all EU votes whenever HMG feels its national interests are at stake, huffing and puffing when France adopts a similar stance.

Yours etc,
FREDERIC BENNETT,
Plas Cwmllecoediog,
Aberangell,
Nr Machynlleth, Powys.
September 9.

From Mrs Gillian Bardinet

Sir, I wonder whether your readers are aware that the recent divergence in European attitudes over events in Iraq has been hailed here as a triumph for French diplomacy. "Fearless", "willing to stand alone" etc, and completely untroubled by the decision to try and establish a common front at the Euro-summit in Tralee.

Some sections of the British media have presented this decision as being aimed directly at John Major and timed with the exclusive aim of unsettling the Tory Party Conference.

When will Britain cease being paranoid over Europe? We too can be "fearless", "willing to stand alone" etc, and indeed we should be.

Yours sincerely,
GILLIAN BARDINET,
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78000 Versailles, France.
September 9.

From the Chairman of the Council of the International Institute for Strategic Studies

Sir, Elizabeth Young (letter, September 8) writes of a "consensus" critical of US missile attacks on Iraq at the recent conference of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in Dresden.

May I point out that this institute does not express any collective opinion on matters within its purview. All views expressed by its members are individual opinions and do not carry any endorsement by the membership as a whole.

The issue of the missile attacks on Iraq was not part of the conference's agenda, which had been drawn up months ahead, and was not discussed in other than a cursory way in any of the plenary sessions of the conference.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT O'NEILL,
Chairman of the Council,
International Institute for Strategic Studies,
23 Tavistock Street, WC2.
September 8.

Cornwall's pride

From County Councillor Colin Lawry

Sir, Jenny Young (letter, September 9) advises your readers that Gwennap Pit is in Cornwall. Quite correct: it was there when I attended a service last month. However, as a Cornishman, I take exception to the heading you gave to her letter. "Wales: see England".

Like Wales, Cornwall has a proud Celtic tradition, a Brythonic Celtic language which is enjoying something of a revival, and increasing recognition within Europe and further afield as a region in its own right.

Unlike most regions of England, Cornwall has a flag of her own — the Cross of St Piran — and a constitutional position which creates at least ambiguity as to the role of the Crown and the Duchy of Cornwall. It deserves wider recognition as a Celtic nation, alongside our cousins in Wales, Brittany, Scotland, the Isle of Man and Ireland.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN LAWRY,
Cornwall County Council,
County Hall,
Truro, Cornwall.
September 9.

Church concerns raised in light of Runcie biography

From Mr Harry Adam

Sir, The speculation over the Prince of Wales's suitability to be Supreme Governor of the Church of England may well be justified (report, leading article and letters, September 10). However the Church of England hierarchy must proceed with the caution of those who live in glass houses, if it chooses to throw stones.

For the past two decades at least Church leaders have failed to provide the vision or leadership to inspire action at parish level, where issues of survival and growth are settled. Their inability to implement the ordination of women without an undignified squabble, and their inept handling of the Church Commissioners' debacle and its aftermath, have had a demoralising effect on congregations. A process of fragmentation has begun which will, in the absence of strategic leadership, lead to disintegration.

In this context it is hard to see how a disestablished Church of England, stripped of its privilege, could survive without a critical re-examination of its objectives and subsequent radical reform. Perhaps that is itself the strongest argument for disestablishment.

Yours faithfully,
HARRY ADAM,
41 Pilkington Avenue,
Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.
September 10.

From the Chairman of The Prayer Book Society

Sir, You quote Lord Runcie (September 9) as saying of The Prince of Wales: "It would help if he loved the Church of England a bit more." Perhaps it would help if the Church was more loveable.

For thirty years or more it has alienated thousands of people who used to sit in its pews by trying to rid itself of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Prince of Wales, when presenting the prizes at the first of our Cranmer Awards in December 1989, said "I believe the Prayer Book is a glorious part of every English speaker's heritage".

I, for one, am grateful to Prince Charles for pointing out that

Our banalities are no improvement on the past; merely an insult to it and a source of confusion in the present.

In the case of our cherished religious writings, we should leave well alone, especially when it is better than well: when it is great.

Yours faithfully,
C. A. A. KILMISTER,
Chairman,
The Prayer Book Society,
St James Garlickhythe,
Garlick Hill, EC4.
September 9.

From the Reverend E. M. T. Underhill

Sir, A former archbishop feared being stabbed in the back by homosexual clergy (report, September 7); the constabulary expresses concern as videos of nude males are screened in Durham Cathedral (reports, September 7); and my bishop, along with many others, urges me to "foster vocations", as it is manpower and not money that is, it seems, now the most pressing problem in the Church of England.

We need some 650 to 700 ordinands each year, but in 1994 just over 200 were recommended for training. There is clearly a correspondence between these matters.

Able men, and women, will not offer themselves for ordination into an ill-disciplined ministry in a Church that is obsessed with bureaucracy and centralisation and where bishops are wanting too much power.

The Church cannot have it all ways.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD UNDERHILL,
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327 Durham Road,
Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.
September 9.

From Mr Michael De-la-Noy

Sir, Clearly writing with first-hand knowledge, Lord Runcie's former chaplain, the Bishop of St Germans, tells us that Lord Runcie understood his lengthy taped conversations with his biographer were intended for use as "background information and scene-setting".

How is any biographer worth his salt expected to make use of such explosive material, freely given, as "background information"?

There is no conceivable way he could have ignored the material presented to him on a plate.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL DE-LA-NOY,
c/o Jacintha Alexander Associates,
47 Emperor's Gate, SW7.
September 10.

Hospitals and social services under financial strain

From Professor Dame Margaret Turner Warwick

Sir, Jeremy Laurance's report, "Hospitals warn of second-rate care" (September 2), that the NHS Executive propose to switch control of funds for specialist advice and treatment at tertiary centres from health authorities to local hospitals is disturbing.

Funding of local secondary-care hospitals through contracts with local authorities is already under extreme financial pressure and so-called "cost improvement" levies have, over the years, largely eliminated any potential surpluses. Current local hospital budgets are thus very unlikely to be able to cover the cost of more specialised treatments when these are not available locally.

The critical question, therefore, is whether sufficient additional funds will be transferred to local hospitals to cover the cost of referrals of patients to tertiary centres. If not, and if these costs have to come from the local hospitals' existing budgets, there will be a very strong incentive for doctors at these hospitals not to seek more specialised help for their patients and for local hospital management not to allow it. Many patients may thus be denied the specialist expert advice and treatments they need.

The implications are even more fundamental, however. Tertiary NHS specialist centres do much more than provide a high-quality and cost-effective service for patients with complex conditions: because of their specialised facilities and experience, they also make a very important contribution to the research and development upon which medical advances depend — and upon which the NHS itself increasingly depends — and they play a significant role in the training of both generalist and specialist doctors.

If funding for these centres fails, either for direct or indirect reasons, patients of both today and tomorrow will suffer.

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET TURNER WARWICK
(President, Royal College of Physicians, 1989-92),
Pynes House,
Thorverton, Exeter, Devon.
September 4.

From the Chair of the Association of County Councils and the Chief Executive of Mencap

Sir, We are now approaching the all-important negotiations over the public-spending round. We fear that, once again, community care services will be severely under-funded.

Currently, the Government makes an assumption that all local authority social services departments, regardless of local circumstances, will raise a proportion of their income by charging disabled and older people for care services like home helps, assistance with bathing and dressing, and attendance at day centres.

At the same time the Government states that local authorities have the discretion to decide whether to charge for these services. Latest figures (1993-94) show 10 per cent of gross expenditure on personal social services was recouped by fees and charges.

We take exception to this. When such assumptions are made local authorities have no discretion: they are, in effect, forced to charge.

Most disabled and older people rely on state benefits. They are now paying twice, through payment of council tax and service charges for services which they desperately need, and there is increasing evidence of hardship.

The Coalition on Charging, made up of 24 charities and local authority associations, believes that national government should fund local government, in full recognition of jointly shared aspirations for community care, and that the requirement that income is raised through charges should be removed.

Yours etc,
JACK BURY,
Chair, Association of County Councils,
FRED HEDDELL,
Chief Executive, Mencap,
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123 Golden Lane, EC1.
September 10.

Plutonium trade

From Mr Llew Smith, MP for Blaenau Gwent (Labour)

Sir, I was interested to read your *Diplomatic Editor's report (September 3)* on a new bilateral pact signed with Japan by the Foreign Secretary during his visit to the Far East.

The Anglo-Japanese "Action Agenda for a Special Partnership" commits both Governments, inter alia, to increasing co-operation on proliferation concerns, including export control policies. This is to be applauded, except that both Governments are also active supporters of nuclear commerce between the countries, including in weapons-usable plutonium, based on major Japanese contracts with the BNFL reprocessing plant at Sellafield.

At a meeting this week in Vienna of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the British Government is expected to break ranks with the Americans (contrary to the unique support offered this week over the bombing of Iraq) and support IAEA proposals to reduce the stringent safety standards applied to the air shipment of plutonium. This will make the return of plutonium to Japan cheaper, but more hazardous.

I cannot see how the Foreign Secretary and Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda can reconcile the expansion of commerce in plutonium at the same time as they are backing tougher export control policies to counter proliferation.

Yours sincerely,
LLEW SMITH,
House of Commons.
September 9.

Wardour Castle

From Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC

Sir, In your article on the restoration of Wardour Castle, "Restoration drama" (Property, August 31), you quote Mr Tuersley, the developer, as saying that his plans to build new houses in the grounds "were fully provided for in Lord Rawlinson's lease".

The Dower House, my principal objection to the developer's plans, was not "provided for" in my lease in its finalised form. Indeed, the present siting was only decided upon by the developer many months after I had entered into occupation.

You state that English Heritage is "broadly" in favour of the plans. So they are, but not of the Dower House, whose site and scale and impact on the historic landscape and building they criticise.

Yours faithfully,
RAWLINSON,
Wardour Castle,
Nr Tisbury, Wiltshire.
September 3.

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Celibacy of priests

From the Chairman of the National Conference of Priests of England and Wales

Sir, I must take issue with your report today on the current meeting of the National Conference of Priests in Birmingham.

We have gathered to explore ways of exercising our ministry more effectively. And so we examine problem areas. But we have not said that morale among priests is low; rather we have studied issues like overwork and the scarcity of priests which can damage morale.

Individual priests may have identified former Anglican married clergy who are to be ordained within our Catholic tradition as a cause of low morale, but the conference has not done so. On the contrary, the group discussing celibacy affirmed: "We welcome the recent admission of married men to the priesthood and the experience they bring". And it asked for further reflection on the "implications for mandatory celibacy at having both married and celibate priests".

Yours sincerely,
RODERICK STRANGE, Chairman,
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As from: English Martyrs Presbytery,
St Georges Road, Wallasey, Wirral.
September 5.

Lollipops at work

From Mrs Carol Hill

Sir, A "left-of-centre think tank" suggests (report, early editions, September 2) that persistent car thieves should have to perform the duties of school crossing patrol officers (lollipop ladies/men).

I am a lollipop lady and mother of two and I care about the children who use my crossing to get to school. They trust me to keep them safe. Would their parents have confidence in a teenage joyrider, say, doing the job as a punishment?

Public car-washing, perhaps with wet sponges for victims to throw, would be a more fitting solution.

Yours faithfully,
C. HILL,
1 Pearl Road,
Middleleaze, Swindon, Wiltshire.
September 2.

From Mr M. Larkin

Sir, As a retired science teacher who has just launched himself on a new career as a lollipop-man, I was intrigued to see that my local authority contract states that I will be paid at the rate of £3.97667 per hour — a commendable degree of precision in a contractual agreement, of plus or minus half a thousandth of a penny.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,
your obedient servant,
MICHAEL LARKIN,
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Poole, Dorset.
September 5.

Tall story

From Mr Keith Chambers

Sir, I can understand Bob Prescott's alarm (letter today) on learning that "the tail of this aircraft is 52 feet above the ground" while on his flight to Manchester. I am similarly alarmed, when flying in America, to be informed that "we shall be in the air momentarily".

Yours faithfully,
KEITH CHAMBERS,
19 Hill Road,
Oakley, Basingstoke, Hampshire.
September 9.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 10: The Queen was represented by the Lady Farnham (Lady of the Bedchamber) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Lady Fitzpatrick which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Conway Seymour.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Lieutenant-General the Hon Sir William Rous.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 10: The Princess Royal, Patron, this morning attended the launch of Victim Support's report on Children in Court at Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon visited Asprey's design studio and workshop at 165-169 New Bond Street, London W1.

The Princess Royal later attended the National Osteoporosis Society's launch of the booklet, "Fit but Fragile?", at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1.

Her Royal Highness, President, Royal Yachting Association, this evening attended the Central Management Committee Dinner at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 10: The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon attended a Service to mark the Bicentenary of the Birth of William Marsden, the founder of the Royal Free Hospital, at St Andrew's Church, Holborn, London EC4.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will visit the Leeds/Beeston Youthworks, Cross Flatts Primary School, Tempest Road, Leeds, at 11.10: will open the Cross Flatts Youth and Community Development Centre, Cross Flatts Park, Harlech Road, at 11.45; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will open Baird Menswear Brands, Granary Building, 1 Canal Wharf, at 12.35; will visit The Pennine Bowling Club for the Visually Handicapped at Wellholme Park, Brighouse, West Yorkshire, at 2.00; and, as Past President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, will attend the joint meeting with the Royal Aeronautical Society entitled "Civil Tilt Rotor Aircraft" at the Civil Aviation Authority headquarters at Gatwick Airport at 6.20.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the new buildings at the Essex and Suffolk Water Company's treatment works, South Hanningfield, at 10.55; and will visit the prepreparatory school at Brentwood School, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex, at 2.15.

Birthdays today

Professor Norman Ashton, FRS, pathologist, 83; Mr Franz Beckenbauer, football manager, 51; Sir Austin Bide, former chairman, Glaxo Holdings, 81; Dame Margaret Booth, former High Court Judge, 63; Mr Paul Cole, racehorse trainer, 55; Mr Brian De Palma, film director, 51; Mrs Mary Fagan, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, 57; Sir Bernard Feilden, architect, 77; Mr "Eddie" George, Governor, Bank of England, 58; Lord Gibson-Watt, 78; Mr William Knight, senior partner, Simmons and Simmons, 51; Mr Michael Lambert, racehorse trainer, 52; Mr Richard Linley, jockey, 42; Lord Marlesford, 65; Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, 67; Mr Andrew Rowe, MP, 61; Mr Barry Sheene, motorcycling champion, 46; the Right Rev John Taylor, former Bishop of Winchester, 82; Mr Roger Uttley, rugby player and teacher, 47.

Appointment

Dr Brian Ayers to be Medical Director of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital Trust Board from January 1, 1997.

Stationers and Newspaper Makers

The Educational Charity of the Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company is offering major awards to young persons engaged in printing and allied trades, bookbinding and paper conservation, stationary, papermaking, publishing, bookselling and newspaper production. Previous awards have averaged £2,000.

The awards are open to United Kingdom residents engaged in the occupations associated with the Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company's industries as listed above. The awards will be made to persons who are not more than 25 years of age on May 1, 1997.

The object is to enable young persons to develop their careers by extending their knowledge in the areas of management and technology in a way that would not be possible unless these awards were available.

Completed application forms should be submitted by December 31, 1996 and further details and application forms can be obtained from: The Secretary, The Educational Charity of the Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company, Inglewood, Oving, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP22 4HD (telephone 01296 641858 -or fax: 01296 641859).

Dinners

HM Government
Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, QC, Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, was the host at a dinner given last night by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Hidenao Nakagawa, the Minister of State for Science and Technology of Japan.

Air Force Board
Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, presided at a dinner given last night at RAF Bentley Priory by the Air Force Board Standing Committee and their ladies to mark the retirement of Sir Moray Stewart, Second Permanent Under-Secretary, Ministry of Defence, and Lady Stewart.

English-Speaking Union
The Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire and Lady Worsley were present at a dinner of the English-Speaking Union held last night at the Majestic Hotel Harrogate, to mark the opening of the ESU World Members Conference. The Hon Douglas Hurd, CH, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker. Baroness Brigstocke, chairman of the union, presided and the Hon Crispin Money-Coutts also spoke.

Memorial service

Lady (Desmond) Fitzpatrick
The Queen was represented by Lady Farnham and the Duke of Edinburgh by Lieutenant-Colonel Conway Seymour at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady (Desmond) Fitzpatrick held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Lieutenant-General the Hon Sir William Rous and the Grand Duke of Luxembourg by Brigadier Christopher Wolverson.

The Rev Leslie Bryan officiated. Mr Brian Fitzpatrick, son, read the lesson and Canon J.G.M.W. Murphy gave an address. The Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk was represented by Captain R.J. Sheepshanks. Among others present were:

General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick (husband), Mr and Mrs Stewart Whittington (son-in-law and daughter); Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard (Colonel, Life Guards), Field Marshal Lord and Lady Carver, Sir John and Lady Harlech.

General Sir Thomas and Lady Pearson, General Sir Brian and Lady Kenny, General Sir Cecil Blacker, General Sir Robert Ford, General Sir Richard and the Hon Lady Worsley, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, Lieutenant-General Sir James and Lady Baird, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard and Lady Vickers, Major-General Sir James and Lady Eyre, Major-General Sir Simon Cooper, Sir Brian Wyldbore-Smith, Dame Mona Mitchell.

Major-General David Tabor, Brigadier and Mrs Andrew Parker Bowles, Brigadier and Mrs R Heathcoat Amory, Brigadier and Mrs R C Lempriere-Robin, Air Commodore S J Langston, Colonel P B Rogers (Officer Commanding Household Cavalry) and Lieutenant-Colonel J A Olivier (Regimental Adjutant), Colonel T V Humphreys, Colonel and Mrs D S A Boyd, Colonel and Mrs Jeremy Smith-Bingham, Colonel and Mrs James Hamilton-Russell, Colonel David Smiley.

Lieutenant-Colonel Barney White-Spunner, Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Birdwood, Lieutenant-Colonel H P D Massey, Lieutenant-Colonel S Bradish-Ellames, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Philip Fielden, Mr Richard Onslow, Mrs Michael Tufnell, Mr and Mrs Wynne Tufnell, Mrs Juliet Wilmot, Miss Diana Fitzgeorge-Balfour, Mrs George Errington, Mr Ben Dixon, Mr and Mrs William Clegg.

Mrs Richard Carr, Mrs Rose Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mr and Mrs Michael Prideaux, Mr and Mrs John Spencer, Mr M Waterhouse, Mrs Roger Paul, Mr and Mrs Robert Leigh-Wood, Dr Timothy Cutner, Mr Humphrey Swire, Mr Colin Chisholm, Mrs A Fortescue, Major E Calvert, Major G V Weyrica, Major M R Brown, Captain M A Harding, WO2 V P Maher, WO2 T Mardon, WO2 L Atkinson and many other friends.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Downes was christened Jamie Andrew John by the Rev Patrick Forbes, assisted by the Rev Nicholas Champain, at St Thomas of Canterbury, Northaw, on Sunday, September 8, 1996. The godparents are Mr Nicholas Downes, Miss Karen Hughes and Mr and Mrs Rod Mebourn-Hubbard.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Ian Taylor, Minister for Science and Technology, was the host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House to mark the 1996 General Assembly of the International Organization for Standardization.

Lecture

Wellington Society
Dr Jeffrey Rosenberg delivered a lecture to the Wellington Society yesterday at the Wellington Hospital. Dr Arthur Levin, chairman, presided.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henri de la Tour d'Auvergne, Vicomte de Turenne, Marshal of France, Sedan, 1611; Thomas Barnes, Editor of *The Times* 1817-41, London, 1785; D.H. Lawrence, novelist, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, 1885.

DEATHS: Mohammed Ali Jinnah, 1st Governor-General of Pakistan 1947-48, Karachi, 1948; Nikita Khrushchev, Premier of the USSR 1958-64, Moscow, 1971.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Dr Dreena Kelly, 37, who has just qualified as a doctor, was named Woman of the Nineties 1996 yesterday. Dr Kelly, a single parent from Maryhill, Glasgow, won the *Good Housekeeping* magazine award for her ability to combine a demanding career with a fulfilling family and personal life. Completely financing herself for two years of her five-year course, she had to work as a nurse at nights. She also spent many hours looking after her disabled wheelchair-bound sister.

'Traffic lights' speed pipers on their way

THE Eden Court Theatre in Inverness is in many ways the envy of other piping events, since all the competitions can be held under one roof and tuning facilities are near to where the performer will play (Angus Nicol writes). But even so, many competitors, at the highest and lowest levels, spend quite some time tuning their pipes out of tune and then bringing them slowly back, not always quite accurately, into tune. At Inverness, controlled by a system of angrily warning orange and red lights, tuning is strictly limited to five minutes. This can shorten a competition by an hour or two.

The first day of the Northern Meeting piping competitions begins with the Highland Society of London's Gold Medal, first presented, in succession to the Prize Pipe, in 1887. There was a capacity entry of 30, though one senior competitor, a not unlikely winner, decided not to attend. It was noticeable that there were one or two competitors whose performance was not quite up to what is expected at Gold Medal level.

However, there were other tunes that were worth listening to. Sergeant Wilson Brown won the Gold Medal, playing the nameless tune of which the *canntaireachd* of its first bar is *Hiharin dro o dro*. Whether *The Old Men of the Shells* (or *Bodaich dhubha nan Sligean*) refers to the copious use of scallop shells as drinking vessels, or to a battle at Sligeachan, is not known. It is a well-known classic, and was played by Pipe-Major Brian Donaldson, Scots Guards, to win second prize.

Donald MacBride, playing the *Lament for Captain MacDougall*, came third. *Maol Donn*, or *MacCrimmon's Sweetheart*, brought the fourth prize to Niall Matheson. In fifth place, John Angus Smith gave a beautiful performance of *Isabel MacKay*, though on a pipe perhaps not quite man enough for the job.

The set tunes for the Silver Medal were, as always, the same as at Oban. John Patrick took the Silver Medal, thereby qualifying to enter for the Gold Medal. He played *Grain in Hides and Corn in Sacks*. Gilleasbuig Gruamach (Archibald the Grim), eighth Earl of Argyll, was created first and only Marquis of Argyll in 1641, only to lose his head in 1661 for treason. *The Marquis of Argyll's Salute* was probably composed between 1641 and 1650. Niall Stewart played this tune for second place. Douglas Murray came third, with *Melbank's Salute*. A rarely heard tune, *All the Old Men Paid Rent but Rory*, was played by Andrew Hayes for fourth prize. Allan MacColl took fifth prize with *MacKinnon's Lament*.

The March competitions, both A and B grade, take place on the first day. There were 45 entries for the A grade, so a short leet of 10 played for the prizes. Scott Drummond won first prize. In the B grade, Paul Ritchie was the winner.

The first day ended with the March, Strathspey and Reel for former winners, as always to a full house. The winner was Pipe-Major Alasdair Gillies, Highlanders, making his only appearance at Inverness this year.

Full results:
Highland Society of London's Gold Medal: 1 Sgt Wilson Brown; 2 P/M Brian Donaldson; 3 Donald MacBride; 4 Niall Matheson; 5 John Angus Smith. Judges: Malcolm MacRae, P/M Ronald Lawrie, Angus J MacLellan.
Silver Medal: 1 John Patrick; 2 Niall Stewart; 3 Douglas Murray; 4 Andrew Hayes; 5 Allan MacColl. Judges: James Young, Dr Jack Taylor, Alan Forbes.
March A: 1 Scott Drummond; 2 John Patrick; 3 Allan Russell; 4 Gavin Walker.
March B: 1 Paul Ritchie; 2 Andrew Hayes; 3 William Geddes; 4 Andrew Matheson. Judges: Walter Drysdale, P/M John Stewart, P/M Andrew Veniers.
March, Strathspey and Reel: 1 P/M Alasdair Gillies; 2 Roderick MacLeod; 3 Sgt Gordon Walker; 4 William Maccallum. Judges: Kenneth MacDonald, Captain Gavin Stoddart, P/M Angus MacDonald.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.E. Andreae and Miss V.J. Clive
The engagement is announced between Giles, son of the late Mr John Andreae and Mrs Andreae, of Sandbanks, Dorset, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Clive, of Ewelme, Oxfordshire.

Mr P. Anscombe and Miss K.L. McKenzie
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of the late Mr Edward Anscombe and of Mrs Joyce Anscombe, of Wadhurst, East Sussex, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon McKenzie, of Boars Head, East Sussex.

Mr A.R.J. Barnett and Ms S.J. Hart
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.R.J. Barnett, of Fareham, Hampshire, and Sara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Dowell, of Melksham, Wiltshire.

Mr D. Bloom and Miss S. Todhunter
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs Leon Bloom, of Melbourne, Australia, and Samantha, elder daughter of Mr Jonathan Todhunter, of Somerset, and Mrs Anne Todhunter, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr N.B. Holliday and Miss C.I.R. Stephens
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Dr and Mrs Michael Holliday, of Canterbury, Kent, and Cecely, daughter of Dr Brian Stephens, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, and of the late Mrs Cynthia Stephens.

Mr P.W. Naim and Miss S.K. Pomphrey
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Bill Naim, of Melbourne, Australia, and Susannah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Pomphrey, of Felsted, Essex.

Marriages

Mr D. Glazebrook and Miss R. Bowes Lyon
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 7, at All Saints' Church, St Paul's Walden, of Mr David Glazebrook, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ben Glazebrook, and Miss Rosie Bowes Lyon, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Bowes Lyon. The Rev Dr Alan Winton officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by four pages, William Dalrymple, the Hon Geordie Bowes Lyon, Hughie Pike and Andrew Pike. Mr Robert Diggle was best man.

A reception was held at St Paul's Walden Bury, home of the bride, and the honeymoon is being spent in Morocco.

Mr N.P. Hoare and Miss M-L.A. Hamill-Stewart
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 31, 1996, at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, London, of Mr Nicholas Hoare, son of the late Mr C.S. Hoare and of Mrs I.P. Hoare, of Medstead, Hampshire, to Miss Mary-Louise Hamill-Stewart, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hamill-Stewart, of Mougins, France.

Major D.A.G. Madden and Miss P.J. Rogers
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 31, at the Church of St Martha-on-the-Hill, Surrey, of Major David Madden, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Madden, of Childhorne Domer, Somerset, and Miss Penelope Rogers, daughter of Dr and Mrs John Rogers, of Canterbury, Kent. The Rev Jeremy Collingwood officiated, assisted by the Rev Ronald La Marche.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Rose Grewe, Benjamin Smith and Miss Emma Webster. Mr Robin Murray Brown was best man.

A reception was held at Chilworth Manor and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

School news

Arnold School, Blackpool
The Autumn Term commenced on Tuesday, September 3, and will end on Thursday, December 19. Edmund Jack is Head Boy and also Captain of the 1st XV and Claire Whitehead is the Head Girl. Senior Prefect Sarah Parr is Captain of the Hockey 1st XI. Mr Colin F.D. White succeeds Mr Peter Bentley as Senior Master and Miss Andrea De Miranda is the new Head of Girls PE and Games. Speech Day will be held on Thursday, September 19, with Sir Roger Tomkys, KCMG, DL, Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge as a Guest of Honour. The Sixth Form Geography Fieldcourse to the Cévennes will take place at half term (October 26 to November 3); the Autumn Term Dinner Dance on November 8; the School Concert on November 14; the Open Evening for 11+ Entrants on November 18; the CCF Regimental Dinner on November 23; the John Oram Law Society Dinner on November 29; the Old Arnoldian Dinner on December 7 in the School Memorial Hall; the Senior School play on December 12, 13, 14. The Junior School Carol Service takes place on December 17 and term ends with the Senior School Carol Service on December 19. The Sixth Form Christmas Ball will be held at the Imperial Hotel on December 20.

The Arnold London Dinner will take place at the House of Commons on Thursday, October 17, when the Guest of Honour will be the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Mr M. Jack, MP. Former pupils wishing to attend should contact the Headmaster, Mr W.T. Gillen at Arnold School, Arnold School, Blackpool is a registered charity which exists for the education of children. Charity No 526679.

Blundell's
Term began at Blundell's on September 4 when 176 new pupils joined the School, bringing the roll to a total of 440. Mr David Jewell (OB), Chairman of the Governors, opened the Junior Department, which accommodates 11-13 year old boys and girls in School House. Mr and Mrs Peter Lanfear have retired from being House Parents of School House and have been succeeded by Mr and Mrs John Brigden as Heads of the Junior Department. There will be an Open Morning for prospective parents of all ages at 10.00am on Saturday, September 14. The Sixth Form Scholarship examinations are on November 18 and 19, whilst further awards at 11+ and 13+ and in Music, Art and CDT will be available in February and March of 1997. The School Play is Tony Harrison's *Mysteries* on November 25-30, whilst School House's first dramatic production will be a musical, *Kindred Spirits*, on December 9 and 10. The School Concert is on December 7 and the annual visit of the Allegri String Quartet is on November 23. The Heads of School are Harriet Chubb (NC) and Alex Gordon (P).

The Cheltenham Ladies' College
Term begins today at The Cheltenham Ladies' College with an address in Opening Prayers by the new Principal, Mrs Vicky Tuck. Half term is from 5.00pm on Friday, October 25, until Sunday, November 3 (inclusive). Samantha Skinner is Senior Prefect and Second Head of College is Ruth Caulkin. The College Service will take place at 10.00am on Sunday, September 15. The preacher will be Professor Russell Stannard. On Friday, October 11, and Saturday, October 12, The Cheltenham Ladies' College will host The Star Fair, in aid of the National Star Centre and The College Bursaries Fund. A Grand Reception (ticket only) will be held on the Friday evening, including a preview of around 50 gift stalls. On Saturday, October 12, everyone is welcome to visit The Star Fair, which includes a unique exhibition of College archive material and literary events in celebration of the Cheltenham Festival of Literature 1996. The European Theatre Company will give a performance of the German play *Die Physiker* by Dürrenmatt, on Monday, October 14, starting at 7.30pm. The College Choir will be competing in the Semi Final of Sainsbury's Choir of the Year Competition at Buxton Opera House on Saturday, November 23. The Final will take place on Sunday, November 24, at the same venue. There will be a Combined Concert with Cheltenham College and St Edward's, performing Mozart's *Requiem* at Cheltenham College Chapel on Friday, November 29, at 7.30pm. The Christmas Concert will take place on Friday, December 13, in the Princess Hall at 7.30pm. Term ends on Saturday, December 14.

Ellesmere College
Michaelmas term at Ellesmere College began on September 8. The school is co-educational throughout the 9-18 age range for the first time. Mr and Mrs Martin Clewlow become Housemaster and Housemistress of the newly-opened Middle School Girls' House, St Aidan's. Claire Lamport and Andrew Quentin are Captains of School. Harry Murphy is Captain of Rugby and Olivia Russell is Captain of Girls' Hockey. Mr Andrew Corish, Mr Peter Hayes, Mrs Mary Smith and Mr Fred Williams join the teaching staff. The Installation of the new Headmaster, Mr Brendan Wignall, will take place at the College on September 20. Old Ellesmerians wishing to attend dinners in Manchester (October 18), London (November 6) or S Wales (November 29) should contact the school.

Mill Hill School Foundation
Term starts today with more than 1,000 pupils in the Foundation including the first intake of girls at 11+ at Belmont. Miss Julie Gordon and Mr Michael Miller join Mill Hill School as Head of German and Drama respectively. The Senior Monitor is Marc Dweck and the Captain of Rugby Adrian Flavin. Foundation Day will be on Saturday, September 28, when the Chairman of the Court of Governors, Dame Angela Rumbold, will introduce the Guest of Honour, Professor David Dilks, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hull. Mrs Pauline Green, MEP, will give the *European Lecture* on November 18. The School will host rugby and netball teams from Perth College and Newington School, Sydney, in December. The School Play will be on December 11, 12, 13 and Carol Services on December 17. Term ends on December 18.

Pangbourne College
The Michaelmas Term started at Pangbourne College with its first intake of girls after going fully co-educational on Thursday, September 5. The Chief Cadet Captain of the College is Alexander-Ross Kelly. An Open Day will be held on Saturday, October 5, from 9.30am - 12.00pm. All friends of the College and Prospective families are welcome. Applications from external candidates for places and scholarships in the Sixth Form in September 1997 should be made now to the Registrar, Pangbourne College, Reading, RG8 8LA. Tel: 01734 842101. The first round of Junior Entry and Junior Scholarship Assessments will take place in November.

Prior's Field School
Term started on Wednesday, September 4. Mikila Lawrence is Head Girl and Abigail George is Deputy. Term ends with the Carol Service in Charterhouse Chapel at 2.00pm on December 11, followed by a Christmas Fair at School. Old Girls Day will be on September 21, 1996.

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But you do not live like that. You live by the spirit, since God's Spirit dwells in you; and anyone who does not possess the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ. Romans 8 : 9 (REB)

BIRTHS

ALLEN - On September 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Melissa and Shawn, a handsome first born son, Kyle.

BEAMISH - On August 8th 1996, in the American British Cowdray Hospital, Mexico City, to Antonia (née Cavanagh) and Adrian, a daughter, Mary-Rose Guadalupe.

BORRER - On September 5th 1996, to Elizabeth (née Brunner) and Timothy, a daughter, Lucy Elizabeth Nancy.

BOSCAWEN - On September 4th 1996, to Katharine (née Maley) and Evelyn, a son, Frederick Mark.

COOPER - On September 6th at the Royal Free Hampstead, to Liz (née Bowyer-Jones) and Colin, a daughter, Louise Parnell Tyas.

FINDLAY - On September 9th, to Caroline (née Pedersen) and Jamie, a son, Max Niels de Cardonnel.

FLEMING - On September 6th at The Royal Free Hampstead to Mireille (née Douerin) and Peter, a daughter, Solène.

FULLBROOK - On September 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Deborah (née Chitnell) and Paul, a beautiful girl, a sister for Farley.

GALLYOT - On 7th September 1996, to Rachel (née Hallmark) and Stuart, a son, Henry Jules.

HUNT - On September 7th 1996, to Belinda (née Murray Brown) and Miles, a daughter, Susannah Jane.

KASI - On September 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Gabrielle and Narinder Kasi, a beautiful daughter, Lila Mara Anurada.

KENWAY-SPENCE - On 4th September at St Richard's, Chichester, to Hannah and Charlie, a daughter, Jasmin Francesca.

KRAIS - On 9th September, to Emma (née Lindsay) and Ashley, a son, Jake, a brother for Harry.

LINDSELL - On 3rd September, to Fenella (née Zimmern) and Robert, a son, Felix Richard.

MEIKLEJOHN - On 9th September 1996, to Margaret (née MacKenzie) and Iain, a son, James Peter Kenneth, a brother for Rachel.

MORRONGIELLO - Emma Jo on September 7th at The Portland Hospital to Anne-Marie and Tony, A gorgeous sister for Stephanie and Julia.

ROBERTSON - On Friday September 6th, to Katherine (née Newberry) and Jeremy, a son, Samuel Oliver, a brother for Max.

SHAW - To Samantha Watts and Learoy Shaw on 26th August, a daughter, Carianna.

SKINNER - On September 9th, to Sarah (née Birtwistle) and Denzil, a son, Rory.

VERSAVEL - On Sunday 8th September 1996, to Jane-Emma (née Roberts) and Pierre at Centre Hospitalier De Neuilly-Sur-Seine, Paris, a beautiful daughter, Héloïse Pamela Agnès.

DEATHS

ANGIER - Ena of Church Street, Great Missenden, Bucks, peacefully on September 8th at the Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted. Beloved wife of the late Norman and a much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden, on Friday 13th September at 3 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers by request but donations if wished to the Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted c/o Great Missenden Funeral Services, 106 High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 0BE.

BARRETT - Bunty, died in her sleep Monday 9th September on Alderney. Funeral Friday 13th September, St Anne, Alderney 2 pm. Donations to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

BARTLETT - Peacefully on Monday, 9th September, Mary Bartlett, (previously GP at Wordsley). Funeral Service at Wigginton Church, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, on Monday, 16th September at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations for Wigginton Church may be sent c/o J&M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury, OX16 8DG.

BATHURST - On 10th September, 1996, peacefully at Broadstairs, in her 88th year, Joan Ernestine Rose, dear wife of the late William Henry Bathurst. All enquiries to Blackburns F.S. (01843) 862897.

BLEWETT - Monica, mother of Jamie and sister of Noel, Felicity and Michael, died on Sunday September 8th 1996 peacefully in her sleep. The funeral service will take place at the City of Norwich (Earlham) Crematorium on Friday September 13th at 1pm. Family flowers only please by 11 am, however, donations may be made if desired to The Priscilla Bacon Lodge and sent c/o Gordon Barber Funeral Home, 317 Aylsham Road, Norwich, NR3 2AB.

BOBRINSKOY - Countess Olga peacefully on September 8th. Wife of the late Count Alexei Bobrinskoy. Funeral Service at 11 am on Friday 13th September, Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, 57 Harvard Road, Chiswick, W4, then to Mortlake Cemetery. Donations if desired to the Church, c/o Father Vadim.

BRANSFIELD - Patrick Aloysius. Formerly of Ralbriggan and Bexley, lately of Saffron Walden. Died on 7th September 1996, aged 74 years. Devoted husband of Irene and much loved father of Maurice and Stephanie. Funeral will take place at Our Lady of Compassion Roman Catholic Church, Saffron Walden, at 11 am on Thursday 12th September. All enquiries to the Funeral Directors, Russell D. Green, 66B High Street, Saffron Walden, CB10 1EB, tel: (01799) 513513.

COBB - Elizabeth Mary - formerly of Highgate, London. Suddenly but peacefully at home on September 6th. Dearly loved mother of Clare and husband James, grandmother of Richard and Alexander and tutor to several hundred children over many years. Funeral at Our Lady Help of Christians, Cresswell Park, Blackheath, on September 16th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations welcome to The Anaphylaxis Campaign, PO Box 149, Fleet, Hampshire GU13 9XU.

COTTINGHAM - On 7th September 1996, peacefully in Compton House Nursing Home, Lindfield, Sussex, Honor Margaret Lloyd aged 86. Much loved mother of Margaret. Funeral Service to be held on Monday 16th September at All Saints Church, Lindfield at 11 am. Flowers or donations to Sight Savers may be sent c/o Masters and Son, 4 Denmans Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex RH16 2LB, (01444) 482107.

DARESBURY - On September 9th, peacefully in hospital, Edward, 3rd Baron Daresbury, aged 67. Private funeral. Family flowers only. Memorial Services will be held at Trinity Church, Jersey on September 26th and St John's Church, Walton, Warrington on October 10th at 11.30 am.

GRANT - John Richard. Peacefully on September 7th. Beloved husband of Gun, wonderful father of Paul, David and Sarah. Much loved Grandfather of Tom, Louisa, Joshua and Barnaby. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Margaret's Church, Chipstead on Friday 13th September 1996 at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but, if desired, donations to UCL Fund GK 68 (Lymphoma Research) c/o Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Belgate Road, Redhill RH1 6AZ.

HARRIS - On Friday September 6th 1996, peacefully at home, Sir Anthony Kyrle Travers Harris, Bt. Funeral Service Christ Church, Christ Church Street, Chelsea, 11 am Monday 16th September 1996. All enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, tel: (0171) 937-0757.

HODDER - William Charles. On September 8th, peacefully at Elstree Manor following some months of failing health, Bill, lately of Radlett. Will be sadly missed by his wide family, especially Ivy. Funeral Service on Monday September 16th at 10.45 am at St John's Church, Radlett, followed by cremation at Garston. No flowers but donations in his memory to the Classic FM Appeal for Music Therapy c/o C. Nethercott & Son, 20 Aldenham Road, Radlett, Herts. WD7 8AX.

HOPE - Trenton 'George' William passed away peacefully on 3rd September 1996, aged 43. The funeral service will be held at The Park Crematorium, Guildford Road, Aldershot, Hants on Thursday 12th September at 1.30 pm. Cut flowers or Donations (The British Heart Foundation) c/o A & W Goddard, Kent Road, Fleet, Hants GU13 9AH. George now guides a loving wife Annar and his three children Michelle, Mark and Justine. Brothers Duncan and Michael, sister-in-law Karen, Matthew and Francesca.

HOPKIN - On September 7th peacefully, Tom, beloved husband of Joan, much loved uncle and friend to many. Will be sadly missed. Funeral Service at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Monday September 16th at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Newtimber Ward, Princess Royal Hospital, may be sent to J & E Matthews, 1 Old Talbot House, High Street, Cuckfield, West Sussex RH17 5JX, tel: (01444) 441515.

HUNTLEY - Ernest Frederick Sqn Ldr RAF (ret'd) aged 64 at home on 4th September. Funeral at St Christopher's Church, RAF Brize Norton, on 12th September at 2 pm. Family flowers but if desired, donations to the Cancer Hospice, Sir Michael Sobell House, Headington, Oxford.

KENNY - Charles John Michael. Suddenly, on 9th September. Dearly loved husband of Gill, and father of Michael, Stephen and Susannah. Funeral at 2 pm on 17th September, at the Catholic Church of St Teresa of Avila, Woodside Road, Chiddingfold, Surrey, followed by a cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation.

LIDDERDALE - Jane Hester, O.B.E., at home on September 7th 1996 aged 87. Funeral Service at St George's Church, Aubrey Walk, Campden Hill, London W8, at 2 pm on Tuesday 17th September, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be sent to the Kensington Day Centre, Convent Gardens, Kensington Park Road, London W11 1NJ.

LUKE - Alan Lawson on 10th September 1996 in hospital aged 66, born Wellington, N.Z. Husband of the late Margaret, father of Jennifer and David and grandfather of Timothy and William.

LUMLEY-SMITH - Ruth died peacefully on 7th September after a long illness, much loved mother of Lia, Sarah and Jane, grandmother of Ross and loved sister of Julyan and her family. Funeral Service at St Mary, Fawley, Berks. on Saturday 14th September 1996 at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired payable to Wessex Hospital Trust Fund or The National Canine Defence League c/o H.J. Knapp & Sons, 4 Church Street, Wantage, Oxon. OX12 8BL.

NIXON - On 8th September 1996 peacefully at home after a long illness bravely borne, John Desmond Nixon M.C., D.L., of Hutton Buscel, North Yorkshire; much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Matthews Church, Hutton Buscel, on Monday 16th September at 2 pm. No flowers please but donations may be made to The Parkinson's Disease Society or the St Matthews Church Hutton Buscel Restoration Fund c/o B. Bernard & Sons Ltd., Funeral Directors, 1/5 Prospect Road, Scarborough, YO12 7TF.

RANKIN - James (Jimmy) C.S.M. of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards (retired) peacefully on 7th September 1996 aged 48. Will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by his wife Janice and all the family. Service to take place on Friday 13th September at St Andrew's Garrison Church, Aldershot at 11.30am, followed by committal at Easthampstead Park Crematorium. Family and regimental flowers if desired. Donations for Dame Margot Turner Ward c/o David Greedy Funeral Directors, House of Grace, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG45 6DS, tel: (01344) 773741.

SPINDLER - Herbert Spindler M.B.E., peacefully on Thursday 5th September 1996. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium on Friday 13th September at 11.45 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for The R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London.

SPRINGE - Janet (née Rymer) on 31st August aged 74 after a short illness at The Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Dearly loved wife of Rudolph, mother of Philippa and Joseph, sister of Meg and Wendy, mother-in-law of Anne and Ravi and grandmother of her six grandchildren. She will be very greatly missed by the whole family and her friends. Janet created the amateur chamber of musicians register (CHARM) as a gift to the amateur musicians in Edinburgh where a memorial concert will be held later this year. The funeral has already taken place in Yorkshire.

TOVEY - Norah, on 7th September, peacefully at home aged 92. Beloved wife of the late Douglas Tovey. Funeral at St Paul's Highmoor on Monday, 16th September, at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to Tomalin & Son, 38 Reading Road, Henley on Thames, RG9 1AG.

WALTHALL - After a short illness on 6th September 1996 aged 82, Captain Leigh Edward Delves Walthall CBE DSC RN ret'd. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Private funeral Friday 13th September 1996 at St Mary's Church, Wistaston, nr. Crewe. Flowers if desired to Packer and Slade, City Bank Road, Cirencester by pm, 12th September or donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Packer & Slade. Memorial Service locally in a few weeks time, date and details c/o Packer & Slade, (01285) 653525.

WEBB - Allette, suddenly and peacefully at Lyddington on Sunday 8th September. Funeral Service will take place at Lyddington Parish Church on Friday 13th September at 2.30 pm followed by Interment. Flowers to Fordis of Oakham, 8 Church Street, Oakham, Rutland, tel: (01572) 722654.

YOUNG - Sheelah Bennison on 8th September 1996 passed away peacefully. Service to take place on Monday 16th September 1996 10 am at Blacon Crematorium, Chester. Family flowers only. Donations to Help the Aged. Enquiries (01244) 390578.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GRACE - A Memorial evensong service for Oliver Grace will be held at Rochester Cathedral at 3.15 pm on Saturday November 2nd 1996.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

ROBINSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of T. Lloyd Robinson will be held at 11 am on Thursday 3rd October 1996 at St Mary Redcliffe Church in Bristol.

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OBITUARIES

HARALD PENROSE

Harald Penrose, OBE, civil test pilot, died on August 31 aged 92. He was born on April 12, 1904.



During his 23 years as chief test pilot for Westland, Harald Penrose flew the company's aircraft from the era of biplanes until the company became Britain's only helicopter manufacturer in the postwar period. Thereafter he concentrated his energies on Westland's sales operations worldwide. Over the years, Penrose flew more than 400 different types of aircraft — fighters, bombers, transports, seaplanes, autogiros and helicopters.

Although born in Reading, Harald Penrose was descended from the Penroses of Portleven, Cornwall. He first took to the air at the age of 11 beneath one of Samuel Cody's man-lifting kites. This fired him with an urge to fly which was further stimulated by a joyride in an Avro 504K war surplus biplane with the pioneer Sir Alan Cobham. By then he had started writing and sailing in his spare time and had designed and built his own glider.

Later he graduated in aeronautical engineering from Northampton Engineering College. After six months as a student aerodynamicist at Handley Page, in 1925 Penrose joined Westland Aircraft Works at Yeovil and was involved in work on the Wapiti military biplane and the revolutionary tailless Pterodactyl.

In 1927 he joined the Royal Air Force Reserve and learnt to fly. In 1928, as the manager of Westland's civil aircraft department, he was responsible for the demonstration, sales and delivery of the Widgeon, the two-seat light biplane which was the Westland equivalent of the popular DH Moth of the late 1920s.

When, in April 1931, a British Empire Exhibition was mounted in Buenos Aires, Penrose demonstrated a Wapiti to the South American market as both a land and floatplane.

On his return he was promoted to succeed Westland's chief test pilot, Louis Paget, who had been seriously injured in a flying accident. Thus started a remarkable career as one of Britain's leading civil test pilots. Throughout 25 years he forged a link between the days of "seat of the pants" flying — without radio or modern aids — and the era of jet aircraft and sophisticated avionics.

In 1932 he was given the task of testing two special — but still open cockpit — Westland biplanes, which were to make the first attempt to fly over Mount Everest. In 1933 Penrose climbed both aircraft to more than 38,000 feet over Poole Bay.

Thanks to these tests, in April 1933 both aircraft were successfully flown over Everest by David MacIntyre and the Marquis of Clydesdale, returning with a series of remarkable photographs of the peak. A year later Penrose set a world height record for a diesel-engine aircraft when he flew a Wapiti to 27,453 feet.

Penrose survived many hair-raising accidents over the next few years. In 1934 a prototype Westland PV-7 torpedo-bomber monoplane broke up in the air during a terminal velocity dive. After a desperate struggle to extricate himself, Penrose left the wingless tumbling fuselage by parachute while the wreckage spread itself over an area of more than seven square miles.

Later, just before the war, he was involved in testing the prototype Westland Whirlwind twin-engine fighter, which was intended as a long range escort, intruder and fighter-bomber. But the Whirlwind was not a success and was withdrawn from service in 1941 after only a few RAF squadrons had been equipped with it. Penrose also test-flew the much larger, but no more successful, pressurised Welkin high-altitude fighter.

Penrose's good luck held through major test-flying hazards, including the difficult flight testing of the Wyvern naval strike-fighter. Penrose made its initial test flight and continued through its development — a flying programme which killed six pilots through the problems of a complex multi-blade, contra-rotating airscrew and two untried turbine engines.

Early in 1945 Penrose visited the new Experimental Helicopter Test Establishment at Beaulieu, then exploring the possibilities of the American Sikorsky R-4B two-seater. Six months later, Westland acquired British manufacturing rights for the Sikorsky S51. Penrose flew the helicopter himself before engaging Alan Bristow (later to be the founder of Bristow Helicopters) as chief pilot (Helicopters) at Westland.

In 1953 Penrose transferred from test flying to become Westland's sales manager worldwide, a job which involved him with successive Westland-Sikorsky helicopters. For relaxation, he bought a little 38hp Currie Wot single-seat biplane, "Aerymouse", his companion for the next ten years.

In 1960, with the different branches of the aircraft industry undergoing an "urge to merge", Westland acquired the helicopter interests of the Bristol, Fairey and Saunders Roe companies together with Saro hovercraft. Penrose combined their marketing throughout the world with the design of a series of small yachts and motor vessels.

Penrose retired from Westland at the end of 1966 but still flew for fun and indulged in his hobbies of designing and building small boats and a small high performance sailplane. He sailed well into his eighties. His last book was his autobiography *Adventure with Fate*.

Between 1966 and 1980, Penrose had completed a five-volume history of British aviation, its products, its people and its problems. This work, which covered the 36 years from 1903 to 1939 (written largely from the weekly contemporary accounts in *The Aeroplane* and *Flight* and garnished with first-hand experience), will remain the definitive story of those pioneer years of a new industry.

He followed it in 1980 with a meticulously researched history of British air transport from 1918 to 1979, *Wings Across The World*.

Penrose married in 1929. His wife Norma died in 1986. Their son and daughter survive him.

DIMMIE FLEMING

Dimmie Fleming, bridge player, died on September 5 aged 85. She was born on October 27, 1910.



IN THE summer of 1953 Dimmie Fleming became the first woman bridge player to represent Britain in an open team event. She was always to remember the match. Restless with nerves the night before, she dreamt that her partner, Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, bid a grand slam on the first hand. The actual chances of doing this would have been extremely slight. But the next day, when they sat down to play, Swinnerton-Dyer did indeed on his opening hand bid to a grand slam in clubs and, furthermore, made it. But, in apprehensive error perhaps, he had inadvertently dealt the hand in an anti-clockwise direction and he and Dimmie were replaced by their disgruntled team captain.

Nonetheless, Dimmie Fleming's skill at bridge was undoubted. She was a grandmaster of the game. Partnering Fritzi Gordon, she was part of the winning British team in European championships held in Dublin in 1951, in Venice in 1952 and in Palermo in 1959. In 1964 she won the gold medal in world championships held in New York. She also won a host of national competitions, many of them time and time again, including the Gold Cup, Crockfords, the Portland Cup and the Whitelaw Cup.

The Fleming board — a card-holding device used in bridge matches so that competitors can play duplicate hands — was invented by and named after Dimmie Fleming.

Dimmie Fleming was born Phyllis Irene Hill in Tunbridge Wells. As the daughter of the headmaster of Eversley Boys Preparatory School she was first educated at her father's school where she was nicknamed "Jimmy" by her male classmates. It was there, among the boys, that she first experimented with smoking, a habit she was never to adopt, and learnt to play auction bridge, a game which was to become a passion.

At the age of nine, however, she was sent to a girls' school. There her closest schoolfriend, later to become her regular bridge partner, changed her nickname to "Dimmie". This was the name which was to stick for the rest of her life, though it was in no way intended to reflect her academic abilities. She excelled in her schoolwork and was offered a place at Cambridge University at the age of 16. Too young to go up, she briefly attended secretarial college before finding a job in a stockbroking firm. In the end she never got around to attending university.

For several years Dimmie forgot about bridge and it was not until she was 19 and recovering from an appendix operation that her interest was reawakened by a fellow patient. But once her enthusiasm had been re-aroused she took up tournament bridge seriously, marrying in 1934 Arthur Fleming, a West Kent bridge player 19 years her senior, and forming a strong bridge playing partnership with her former classmate Dorothy Pearson. Together, just before the outbreak of war, they represented Britain in the European Ladies Championship in the Hague where they came away with the silver medal. In 1948 they repeated their performance and during the 1950s Dimmie was three times part of the winning British team.

For almost 20 years, from 1955 to 1974, Dimmie was secretary to the English Bridge Union and from 1977 onwards she was vice-president. She also reported bridge news for *The Times*.

In 1953 she was selected for the British open team in partnership with Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, who was later to become Master of St Catherine's College, Cambridge. In 1972 Dimmie Fleming formed a new bridge partnership with Vida Bingham, a friend with whom she also shared an interest in National Hunt racing. They were often to be found together at Plumpton or Cheltenham.

Their last appearance together in the English women's bridge team was in 1981. But after Dimmie's husband died in 1980, she and Vida ran a bridge stationery business and when Dimmie's eyesight and memory began to fail in the mid-1980s, she moved in with her friend in a house in East Sussex.

Dimmie Fleming is survived by a daughter.

VAGN HOLMBOE

Vagn Holmboe, Danish composer, died on September 1 in Ramlose aged 86. He was born on December 20, 1909.

VAGN HOLMBOE was the most significant Danish composer in the generation after Nielsen. A quiet, unpretentious and rather ascetic man, he composed prolifically, writing more than 350 works, among them 13 numbered symphonies, nearly 30 concertante works for one or more soloists, 21 numbered string quartets, two operas, a ballet and a plethora of vocal and choral works.

His large-scale orchestral works establish him as a symphonist of international standing, while his contribution to the medium of the string quartet might almost stand comparison with that of Shostakovich. His works for the human voice demonstrate the breadth of his interests, ranging from songs in Japanese and Inuit to a series of *a capella* Latin motets. He also worked for several years as a music critic for the leading Copenhagen daily, *Politiken*, and was an author whose publications included a study of *Danish Street Cries* (1988) and collections of essays on philosophy and aesthetics.

Uncompromising in the pursuit of his own ideas, Holmboe was unmoved by fashion and never subscribed to any passing avant-garde. Instead, in a career of remarkable continuity, he absorbed and assimilated such varied influences as the sophisticated nationalism of Nielsen, the neo-classicism of Stravinsky and Hindemith, and the folk musics of Scandinavia and eastern Europe.

He was a master of polyphony, adept at weaving long flowing lines into complex yet transparent textures. From the 1950s onwards he began to develop the distinctive technique he described as metamorphosis, whereby a small group of notes forms a musical germ, a tiny pattern or motif from which, in a process of constant transformation, a whole work grows.

The sense of organic growth, of music as something living and constantly evolving, is central to Holmboe's work.



As the English composer Robert Simpson observed in his foreword to Holmboe's book, *Experiencing Music*: "His genius truly generates — in his music things are born and they grow. In it continuous metamorphosis is not merely ingenuity, it is life, it is tingling proliferation." Holmboe himself liked to compare the subtle process of his work to that by which the silkworm turns gradually into a moth.

Vagn Holmboe was born in Horsens in Jutland. At the age of 17 he was admitted, on Nielsen's recommendation, to the Royal Conservatory of Music in Copenhagen, where his teachers were Knud Jeppesen and Finn Høffding. In 1930 he went to Berlin where he had informal lessons from Ernst Toch. It was there that he met his future wife, the Romanian pianist Meta May Graf, a pupil of Hindemith's; the couple were married on a field trip to study folk music in Transylvania in 1933.

Returning to Copenhagen in 1934, Holmboe supported himself with work as a teacher and critic. His breakthrough as a composer came in 1939, when his Second Symphony — he had already written more than a hundred works — won a pan-Scandinavian competition organised by the Royal Danish Orchestra. With the prize money the Holmboes bought a plot of land near Ramløse and Lake Arre, about 30 miles from Copenhagen; there they built a house and planted thousands of trees. Nearly all Holmboe's work responds, however obliquely, to the wild Nordic landscape in which he lived.

After ten years of teaching music at the Copenhagen Institute for the Blind, Holmboe moved to the Royal Conservatory in 1950, becoming professor of theory and composition there in 1955. Until 1965, when he resigned his post to concentrate full-time on composing, he was one of Scandinavia's most important teachers, and his pupils included such successful Danish composers as Per Nørgard and Arne Nordheim.

Despite the protracted illness he suffered in later years, Holmboe was composing until the very end. His towering, valedictory Symphony No 13 was premiered in Copenhagen in March. In August a new work for soprano and organ was performed, and at the time of his death he was working on another string quartet.

Vagn Holmboe is survived by his wife, to whom he was married for 63 years, and by a son and a daughter.

DAVID GRESHAM

David Gresham, MBE, former director of personnel for British Petroleum, died on August 15 aged 71. He was born on November 18, 1924.

DAVID GRESHAM enjoyed a successful career with British Petroleum, rising from clerical assistant to managing director of the tanker division and then director of personnel. But, retiring early, because of ill-health, he will perhaps be best remembered for his work as the founder of the Abbeyfield North Downs Extra Care Society, an organisation for the elderly and frail in need of 24-hour nursing.

The first intimation of David Foster Gresham's guiding principle — that a caring attitude for others is essential for social stability — manifested itself during his Army service as a young officer in the Royal Signals in 1943.

His service in France and Belgium culminated in opening up communications in the newly-liberated Antwerp, which was to become an important port of supply for the Allied forces. Gresham lost several of his men in repeated rocket attacks upon the port.

Demobilised in 1947, Gresham embarked on a degree course at Southampton University but failed to finish it. Six years away from academic studies had taken their toll. Instead, realising the importance of oil as a commodity in the postwar world, he obtained a job as a clerical assistant in what was then the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, now known as British Petroleum. His abilities were quickly recognised and he soon rose through the ranks.

In 1967 Gresham was entrusted with ensuring that BP customers all over the world were kept supplied with oil, even though the Suez Canal was closed and tankers then had to make a long journey around the Cape. Gresham worked more than 18 hours a day at this time, but his efforts and efficiency were recognised and in 1972 he was appointed managing director of BP Tankers.

At that time he knew little of maritime matters. Getting to know individuals at all levels of BP's maritime arm, he sought their advice as well as taking several voyages on tankers in an attempt to understand where problems might lie.

He was promoted again in 1975 to be director of personnel for the entire BP Group. But three years later he suffered a heart attack and opted for early retirement.

His managerial skills, however, were not to be wasted. Gresham joined the Abbeyfield movement, committed to the care of the elderly. He became chairman of the Abbeyfield home in Oxted. But it was with those who needed extra care that he came to concern himself.

Despite the onset of Parkinson's disease in 1980, Gresham set up the North Downs Extra Care Society with the objective of building a 22-bed house for the frail and elderly who needed assistance at all times of day. This house has now been in existence for ten years and is named after David Gresham. In 1995 he was appointed MBE.

Gresham's wife, Millie, worked alongside him at the North Downs home. He is survived by her and by two sons.

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In the new system, the architect uses a "light pen" on a cathode ray screen connected to a computer. He draws a house design as he would with pen and paper, but the computer is previously programmed to test the design automatically for satisfactory performance, and to produce costs and lists of materials and specifications required.

Mr. H.E. Buteux, chief technical officer of the association, which is a Government agency and has built 80,000 houses in Scotland, said today: "The entire building industry in Scotland and beyond will benefit from this research. The results show that in the use of computers in the housing field, we are leading the world. About half our architects' time is spent on the tedious routine of updating and modifying house plans, incorporating new standards and adapting to special sites. The computer application will cut out all this bulky work and at the same time allow the architect's judgement to be incorporated in the information fed into the machine."

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More than 200 representatives of Government departments, local authorities, building firms, and housing agencies and architects will be given a report of the university's work at a symposium being held in Edinburgh a fortnight today.

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"Away with the architect's drawing board" seemed to be the message indicated by this new development. Drawing in future would be done on a screen connected to a computer which might also work out how many doors, windows, and bricks were required.

TUC HOLD THEIR HORSE AT THE SIX FENCE

BRIGHTON, Sept. 10

The trade union revolt against Britain's application to join the Common Market took a short but significant step forward here today. A hard-line motion instructing the Trades Union Congress general council vigorously to oppose entry was rejected, but by a narrower margin than expected by its supporters, among whom was Britain's biggest union, The Transport and General Workers'.

The mood of the conference was clearly anti-Market, but delegates overwhelmingly adopted a fence-sitting posture, in spite of being warned by the farm-workers' leader, Mr. R. Bottini, that it was biologically impossible for the T.U.C. carthorse to sit on the fence.

The general council had produced a supplementary report which even international experts had declared was the "clearest exposition of the issues they had seen". This long, complex document recommended delegates to wait and see what the terms for entry were before committing themselves

Programme makers cater to nostalgia for a lost world

Cooking for kitchen voyeurs

"Mmm!" "Ooooh!" "Whew!" "Wonderful! Wonderful!" The orgiastic squeals and moans issuing from Loyd Grossman and company on BBC1 on Sunday would have done for Channel 4 after midnight. But they passed muster as teatime fare, for the stimulants were merely the *Junior Masterchefs*' scallop-stuffed ravioli and caramelised pear tart with mulled-wine ice cream.

It's not the sensuous presentation of food on television that makes me squirm. Rather, it's the pretence that viewers are watching for culinary instruction. The shows are daytime pornography. All these gorgeous televised goodies are being consumed by a nation of voyeurs: people who get their gustatory kicks from watching other people cook but don't actually do it themselves.

There are exceptions, of course. I myself have occasionally been tempted to try pounding rosemary, garlic and anchovies into the smooth paste as seen on the screen. But the audience before whom these demonstrations are performed consists in no small part of students in bedsits, pensioners and unemployed men. They would no more try "Raquel's Ravishing Mushroom Tart" at home than they would try to make binoculars out of toilet rolls.



BRENDA MADDOX

How come? Nostalgia. Hunger for a lost world, a golden age of home-peeled spuds and hand-wrung chickens. Sitting there alone with a bag of crisps watching *Simply Delicious with Family and Friends* (this series starts on Carlton tomorrow with potatoes) is as sentimental an exercise as watching *Sense and Sensibility*.

That people are not eating family meals any more bodes ill for the future of the sitcom. The table is centrepiece of the old family comedy: the place where all the characters interact. The teenagers rebel, the mother (who is also the cook) cajoles, the father lays down the law and looks a buffoon. This tradition, going back to the days of Andy Hardy films and *I Love Lucy*, is being kept alive, as I have pointed out before, by that deeply moral cartoon strip, *The Simpsons*. The Simpsons eat together — two courses, if memory serves; dessert is part of the ritual of the old American way of life.

As a dramatic focal point, the dining table is hard to beat. As *The Last Supper* demonstrates, it gets all the principal players in the same tight shot. But it is hard to find characters in today's realistic soap operas eating together round the same board. These people snack rather than eat. Accordingly, the dramatist resorts to the diner, the café counter and the pub to bring them together and to show that, like the earlier counterparts, they do occasionally need to eat.

Australian soaps make a lot of the kitchen — characters in *Neighbours* and *Home and Away* seem always to be opening the fridge, but only as an activity incidental to talking about relationships. Consumption tends to take place either standing or in coffee bars.

Yet even though modern Britain consumes its food in haste and in solitude, the television time devoted to its preparation continues to increase. Last week, Carlton Television launched a cable network devoted entirely to food. The advantages to the makers of such programmes is obvious. They are cheap, fill those omnivorous hours in the daytime schedule and offer extra income, for broadcaster and presenter alike, from the sale of magazines and cookbooks.

It's all hard on the viewers, though, tempted by these mountains of glorious food, then, if they watch ITV, to sign up for Weight Watchers or buy some low-calorie product. This conflict between the unreality of the cookery programmes and the fast-food realism of the soap operas can have only one result: guilt. Step forward Jancis Robinson, with *The Food Chain*. This new BBC2 series finds us all guilty. For wanting processed food and for not asking enough about how it gets to us. Robinson even got a grim-faced expert last week to say that as a result, we are worse fed as a nation than during the Great Depression.

At best, this new puritanism is pointless. Thanks to the BSE crisis, we are all too aware of the contents of the tasty pie and burger. At worst, the sermon is misleading. The growth and distribution of food is one of the areas of life where there has been genuine progress.

What we need is not more antifood propaganda but more reminders of the joys of convenience food. We need to teach the young that, rather than stuffing themselves on crisps, they should microwave some *pasta arrabbiata* instead. The new galloping gourmet should be a single parent or a working mother, who will remind those who don't know what women had to do in the past to put three meals a day on the table. She should also say a good word for mass-production, and recall the not-distant days when the most common association with the word "chicken" was not "battery-reared" but "Sunday". As for the the disappearance of the mealtime, eating out has never been cheaper. There is no more binding experience for a family than to dine out together. The French learnt that long ago.

THE LISTENER
THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Poster that failed to please

AS Lord Runcie keeps the nation rapt by his reflections on the Prince of Wales and Lady Thatcher, *The Listener* can bring you news of more discord within the Church of England.

It seems that the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York were not the only ones displeased by the Churches Advertising Network's (CAN) daring choice of Christmas poster campaign this year. The CAN also incurred the disapproval of the mighty Sir Cliff Richard.

Their poster, a trendy affair featuring the slogan "Bad Hair Day? You're a virgin, you've just given birth and now three kings have shown up", was criticised for being inappropriate to the spirit of Christmas and appealing to yob culture. Unbeknown to most, however, this was not



Cliff: No to poster plan

CAN's first choice. Among seven other versions attempted was a poster featuring a picture of the celebrity Christian beneath the words "Hard luck Cliff, Jesus is Number One this Christmas".

All was ready to run until the organisation dutifully checked with Sir Cliff and found he did not like it. As a result, it was decided not to go ahead with that particular poster.

● *FOR reasons best known to itself, LIVE TV has taken to sending out free novelty car stickers in an effort to grab those ever-elusive viewers. In a project codenamed Rear Window Wisdom, the management invites you to place one of 12 squirmingly crass slogans in your car, resulting in free advertising for them and total ridicule for you.*

Among the sub My-other-car's-a-Rolls-Royce species of stickers are "I still miss my ex but my aim is improving", "If you think education is expensive try ignorance" and "My wife said if I don't quit fishing she's going to divorce me — God I'm going to miss her."

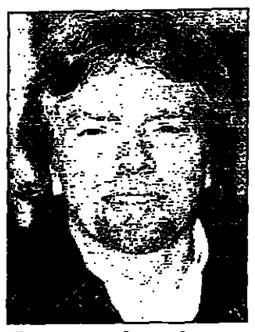
One of the slogans, however, could have some prophetic value for the struggling station and Mirror Group shareholders. It reads "Get even — die in debt."

Rosie hue

THE *Independent on Sunday*'s courtship of Rosie Boycott is now reaching epic proportions. For months now the formidably ambitious editor of *Esquire* magazine has been wined and dined by the Sindy's management, allegedly with the post of editor in mind, but a pass has yet to be made. One thing is for certain. Ms Boycott, who launched *Spare Rib*, the radical feminist magazine, would liven up the rather gloomy offices at Canary Wharf.

What could be delaying matters is the popularity of the current editor Peter Wilby. The paper does not want to risk losing even more staff and Wilby is one of the few reasons they have to stay.

● **THE ad men at Richard Branson's Virgin Radio are a suspicious bunch. They immediately jumped to conclusions after a bus shelter**



Branson: Ad men jumpy

which they planned to use in a promotional shoot was vandalised. The Adshel bus shelter just happens to be outside the headquarters of their main rival, London's Capital Radio.

Judging by a press release they sent out publicising the matter, Virgin's men are obviously in no doubt as to the culprit. "It just seems a bit of a coincidence that the very site at which we planned to launch our campaign happened to be under Capital's noses, and that when we arrived it had been expertly taken apart", said Andy Mollett, the station's finance director.

Pud rising

PROFESSIONAL Yorkshireman though he is, Michael Parkinson can clearly still learn a thing or two from the pensioners in white rose county. The nation's favourite chat show host, who pens a monthly column for Saga, the magazine for the elderly, was clearly stuck for something to write about, so turned his attention to that old favourite, Yorkshire puddings.

His piece gave rise to no fewer than 79 letters of complaint from the readers. "Please inform Michael Parkinson that making Yorkshire puddings with self-raising flour is tantamount to saying that Fred Trueman bowled for Lancashire," scolded Mrs M. Collier, of Beverley, Humberside. "Use plain."

You can put your shirt on Cantona



Eric Cantona is much in demand

ERIC CANTONA seems to be everywhere but on the football pitch at the moment. He is either seen fronting Nike's advertising, cropping up in commercials for Eurostar or now, it emerges, starring in an ad for Cellnet. At least his shirt is.

The star is evidently so expensive that the agency, the McWilliams Partnership, could not afford the man himself. However, they used his trademark No 7 top in an ad for the launch of Cellnet's special Manchester United-branded mobile phone.

The shirt is featured in press work and on posters emblazoned with the slogan 'Ooh, aah can fone ya" — a "cheesy but effective" adaptation of the legendary Cantona chant, claims a spokesman. Given the overuse of the French celebrity, perhaps it is more a case of "Ooh, aaah gone too far".

THERE is a worrying trend emerging in adland. An increasing number of design companies are, to quote one

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distressed insider, "parking their tanks on agencies' front lawns."

The concern is over the apparent surge in client companies forcing agencies to share advertising contracts with design outfits. Some are even bypassing agencies altogether and awarding the design experts their entire advertising business.

Saatchi and Saatchi recently had its nose put out by Wolff Olins, which was heavily involved in the "Give me 5" returning campaign for Channel 5. Another company, Identica, is also said to be working uncomfortably closely with Bartle Bogle Hegarty on the relaunch of Mercury One 2 One.

And now Lambie-Nairn, the TV ident specialists, have just beaten Bates Communications to the advertising business for EBN, the cable and satellite TV station.

The win marks Lambie-Nairn's first significant foray above the line. It is also the "start of further similar developments of existing clients," according to Lambie-Nairn's head of marketing, David Robinson.

ONE of the nation's most successful advertising icons, Direct Line's red telephone, could be facing an untimely demise.

The insurance company is reviewing its £13 million advertising business, now housed at the Wonderbra-to-Nissan shop, TBWA. TBWA is being given the chance to defend its role, but will be battling against Mellors Reay and Partners and Mortimer Whittaker O'Sullivan.

Despite the rethink, the red phone, complete with wheels and somewhat distressing jingle, has been a soaraway success — for the company — if a little embarrassing for the creative snobs down at TBWA.

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Spin-doctors and the credibility gap



At the Edinburgh Television Festival a session was set aside to debate the growing efforts of spin-doctors to influence news reports. Yesterday the Freedom Forum discussed whether spin-doctors were 'Feeding the Press or Starving the Public'. Here, **Sir Bernard Ingham**, the man Lady Thatcher called "the best press secretary in the world", gives his definition of a spin-doctor

Although I have never been known as a sensitive plant, I must confess to some distress at being called a spin-doctor — or, more properly, an ex-spin-doctor. This is not because it is now a term of abuse. Anyone who has been called a sewer — as I was by John Biffen who carefully distinguished me from the sewage I was supposed to carry — tends to find that much that is subsequently thrown at them is relatively complimentary.

I am distressed because I have never practised as a spin-doctor and never regarded myself as one. I therefore feel I owe it to my former colleagues in the Government Information Service (GIS), which I led for a couple of years, and responsible PROs in the wider public relations industry to protect them from guilt by association with this import from North America. I can best do so by defining what is and what is not a spin-doctor.

The 1,200 or so members of the GIS come nowhere near qualifying. Their two prime functions are to promote an informed public, mainly through the press, radio and television, about the Government's policies and measures and to advise ministers and officials on their presentation.

Of course they seek to put the best possible gloss on the works of the Government of the day, consistent with the facts — in so far as they can be established — and reality. They try to engineer opportunities for their minister to argue the case for his policies and measures and to defend them when under attack.

They also seek to preserve their minister's freedom of manoeuvre by avoiding, if at all possible, the premature disclosure of information. But they operate under one overriding constraint: their personal credibility.

Press secretaries, as members of the GIS, have chosen to make a profession out of spokesmanship. Their licence to operate is their credibility as reliable informants. It takes years to build up that credibility. It can be destroyed in one careless moment.

They seek at all times to defend their credibility. It is this — their longer term approach to their job — which partly distinguishes them from mere spin-doctors.

But they are also set apart, even from private sector public relations, by being precluded from promoting their minister's image and political fortunes. They have, of course, to take account of their minister's strengths and weaknesses for these can get in the way of conveying the message.

For example, I could never ignore Margaret Thatcher's remarkable ability to appear hard and uncaring in advising her how to present a case. But I was not there to destroy her Iron Lady image. I may well have enhanced it by the confidence with which I represented her position. But that was not the objective of the exercise. My briefing reflected the reality of her constancy and strength of purpose. She lost or gained incidentally.

All political parties have long accepted that good presentation by the official machine may bring the Government a political bonus. But opposition parties will only continue to acquiesce in it if they are satisfied that it arises incidentally from the work of civil servants paid by the taxpayer.

The third distinguishing feature between the GIS and spin-doctors is their role in fashioning policy. Generally, the GIS's job is to present a given line, programme or measure. Their presentational advice may refine it and occasionally they may inadvertently make policy through their briefings. But they are not primarily there to devise policy.

Spin doctors on the other hand, claim personality, image and policy to be their core businesses. Peter Mandelson MP and a certain Dick Morris, now fallen from White House grace after a much-publicised encounter with a prostitute, are clearly identified in these ways respectively with Labour leader Tony Blair and President Clinton.

Indeed, Mr Morris is described as "the architect of the new Clinton" much as, I suspect, an unblushing Mr Mandelson would claim to be the inspiration behind "New Labour". spin-doctors are thus partisan, political, operators with a communications background and an inclination to play Svengali. They see politicians and their programmes as "products". They devise marketing campaigns for those products much as they would flog cornflakes or Wonderbras and they measure their success in publicity. How else can you explain the Tories' perseverance with their "demon eyes" advertising?

On the evidence provided by Mr Morris, spin-doctors also believe that they can turn water into wine. Who else would have had the gall to work on Bill Clinton? Who else — Mr Blair apart — would have had Mr Mandelson's temerity to refashion the old socialist, profligate Labour Party after Maggie's financially prudent, enterprise Tories? This is not a trade for modest, sensitive men.

Nor do they have much to do with political philosophy. In fact, the fewer a political leader's beliefs, the more he needs a spin-doctor to make up for his deficiency — and the greater the spin-doctor's opportunity since his principal brings little baggage to the party. We thus see that spin-doctors have little in common with self-effacing GIS press secretaries. They seek to create a new reality while press officers cope with the here and now. They reflect the prevailing dearth of ideology.

They are perhaps an index of political poverty.



Labour leader Tony Blair with spin-doctor Peter Mandelson, MP. Spin doctors claim personality, image and policy are their core business

Jennai Cox asks why feminine competition is excluded from media sports coverage and finds that male attitudes are to blame

Why women don't make the back page

In the run-up to the Olympics in Atlanta, Newsweek said: "Female athletes are the ones to watch". And for a few days they were.

But now, with Atlanta a distant memory, the media has returned to its "all-men-all-the-time" policy or, to coin an American phrase, "symbolic annihilation" — the killing of coverage of female sports.

This is the view of author and former US athlete Mariah Burton Nelson whose new book bemoans the media's systematic neglect of female sport. Ms Burton Nelson tells how she once perused the newspapers as a basketball player in the Seventies. "I'd scrutinise the sports pages, hoping to see something I could relate to," she says. "I almost never did."

Girls reading sports pages today have the same experience, she claims, and because there is so little with which to identify they think that women do not compete much.

Her book *The Stronger Women Get The More Men Love Football*, published recently, complains that at best the media minimises female competitive sport and, at worst, ignores it. It argues that the coverage of sport is one of the last areas of male dominance. "Nowhere are women as under-represented as they are in the sports pages, and nowhere are women so systematically thrust into feminine, sexual roles."

Even during the Atlanta games there was an attempt, she says, to trivialise female sports. "There were a lot of gymnasts and swimmers wearing leotards and swimsuits, but very little coverage of team games."

Professor Margaret Talbot, head of sport at Leeds Metropolitan University, claims the portrayal of women's sport has long been conditional on them looking like girls. "There seems to be an unease about seeing women achieving and striving. Women are expected to conform to a strong feminine stereotype," she said.

Swimmers fall within acceptable female behaviour, whereas female soccer is always seen as an inferior version to male football. "None of which corresponds with reality. There is plenty of evidence to show many people prefer female tennis," Professor Talbot says.

Ms Burton Nelson believes most women ignore newspaper sport thinking it is not important. They are mistaken, she says, and need to be aware that "men feel threatened that women's performance in sport is improving".

In the last century there were concerted attempts by the establishment to stop women playing sports. The *Birmingham Daily Mail* in 1881 described women's cricket as "essentially a male game" which "can never be played properly in petticoats" and pleaded with them not to enter this "insane physical rivalry with men". These days, says Ms Burton Nelson, the coverage is controlled, instead.

Television commentators and newspaper sports editors in America are still predominantly men who favour the sports in which males dominate — just eight per cent of coverage is of women's sports. The situation is similar here. ITV and Channel 4 broadcast mainly horse racing, American football, rugby, boxing and motor racing; most BBC sport is male-dominated and while satellite channels have greater variety the flagship programme on Sky Sport is Premiership football.

Fewer women write about sports than any other popular media subject, despite quite recently showing more interest in sports journalism. "Men can no longer say sport is masculine. Millions of girls are playing, coaching and a lot are now writing about it," says Ms Burton Nelson. She quotes Kate Callen, a former sports editor, who thinks because they are not dazzled by the stars, women can make better sports writers.

The sports editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, Colin Gibson, also said female sports reporters may be known as "fluffies", but because of their isolation from the pack they learn to develop their own style. Steve Pinder, a sports journalism lecturer at City University, agrees. "Each year more women choose the sports specialism. They bring a fresh eye to the subject whereas the men tend to have set ideas," he says.

During television and radio phone-ins to promote another of her books about the achievements of female athletes, Ms Burton Nelson was constantly told by men: "Yes, but a woman will never play pro football." As more women play "male sports" she believes they might.

An estimated 20,000 women play football in the UK and a recent international game against Portugal drew an audience of 2,000, many of whom were men, according to the Football Association. William Hill has taken bets from mothers on their daughters playing for England and it is not inconceivable, says Graham Sharpe of the bookmakers, that a women's FA Cup final will one day pack Wembley. That will give everyone something to read in the sports pages.



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Ladies' cricket thrives but they were told in 1881 "end this insane rivalry with men"

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Authors outdo reporters in newspaper circulation war



Newspapers are written by journalists but it is often the authors of books who beat Fleet Street's ace reporters and get the best stories. That has been well demonstrated this week by the serialisation in *The Times* of Humphrey Carpenter's biography of the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie.

According to the *Daily Mirror*, the explosive political book everyone is talking about is *Secret Society*, by the Liberal Democrat MP Emma Nicholson, who defected from the Tory party earlier this year. Her story of the Tory party started on Monday with an account of a flirtatious John Major. Emma Nicholson is a feisty woman but I have news for the *Mirror's* editor, Piers Morgan. You're wrong — the book everybody is talking about this week is Humphrey Carpenter's *Robert Runcie*.

Carpenter has never been a journalist but the revelations in his Runcie biography produced three consecutive splashes in *The Times* and made the front pages of *The Guardian*, *The Independent*, the *Daily Mail*, *Daily Express* and *The Sun*. They were also covered on the influential *Today* radio programme and the main BBC and ITN television news bulletins.

September is the month when newspapers are looking to serialisations to get readers back into the newspaper habit after their summer holidays. It is also the month when Britain's publishers launch the battle for the Christmas bestseller lists. More books are published between September and November — and more sold — than in the rest of the year.

Editors are bombarded throughout the year with proposals for serialisations from publishers. Some, notably *The Sunday Times* and the *Daily Mail*, are looking for serialisations almost every week of the year. Others concentrate on autumn, January and April, when sales need a kick start and a sensational serial helps.

Selecting serials demands nice choices both by editors and publishers. Publishers have two ambitions. One is to recoup a significant portion of the advances they have paid to authors. The second is to sell a serialisation to the newspaper which offers the most suitable environment for their author, his subject and potential readers. *Robert Runcie* would usually be as unsuitable for *The Sun* as the memoirs of Samantha Fox would be for *The Times*.

The teasing question for editors is: will a book on offer for serial genuinely boost sales or simply keep readers happy with a good read? Is it worth £5,000, £25,000, £50,000 — or are Sarah Duchess of York's memoirs, due this autumn, worth £500,000? Add another half a million to that for advertising on television and the Duchess has to sell a lot of newspapers to make such an investment worthwhile. Yet rivalries in Fleet Street are so fierce that a bill for £1 million may be considered cheap if it persuades readers to switch papers, particularly if some are persuaded to stick with their new choice.

Some of this autumn's early choices have been up for inspection in the past two weeks — Joan Collins in the *Sunday Express* and *Daily Express*; *The Last days of the Romanovs* and the *Oprah Winfrey Diet* in the *Daily Mail*; Buddy Holly in *The Sunday Times*, drug dealer Howard Marks and Tony Blair in *The Guardian*, as well as Robert Runcie and Emma Nicholson.

Still to come are Sarah Duchess of York; the story of Andre Hanscombe, the partner of Rachell Nickell (and father of their child) who was murdered on Wimbledon Common in 1992; and, cashing in on the success of the Nicholas Evans novel, Monty Roberts's story of his work as horse whisperer to the Queen. After being rejected by several major players, it looks as though *An Evil Love*, Geoffrey Wansell's life of Frederick West, so horrifying that most newspapers would not even consider a serialisation, has found a Sunday buyer.

Serialisations are only one aspect of the mutual relationship between editors and publishers. On Saturday Rachel Billington, author of *Perfect Happiness*, the sequel to *Emma*, was writing about Jane Austen in both *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph*. On Sunday, *The Observer* was trying to unravel the mystery of the first name of Inspector Morse, soon to be revealed in Colin Dexter's new novel.

On Monday, stories about five books — the new Penguin History of England, Robert Runcie, The Archers, A.A. Gill and Peter Stringfellow — made the dominant items on seven pages of *The Daily Telegraph* and were the subjects of two of the three leading articles.

Without the book industry, especially on Saturdays and Sundays, news editors would often be looking at empty pages. It is a good deal for both parties. Newspapers get good stories and access to star names for interviews and profiles — and the publishers get loads of free publicity to sell their books. They are so lucky they often forget to advertise them in the papers that give them so much help.

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NEWS

Britain to abandon 'mad cow' cull

■ The slaughter of 125,000 cattle is likely to be halted by ministers, and the cull — designed to persuade Europe to lift the ban on British beef — may never be carried out.

The decision, which could inflame the dispute between Britain and her European partners, comes in the light of new research suggesting that "mad cow" disease will die out naturally in five years Page 1

Swiss told to repay Nazi gold

■ A huge hoard of gold looted by the Nazis during the Second World War is still being held in Swiss banks and now Britain is to ask for it to be returned. A top Swiss bank official has admitted that gold worth $500 million — £4.6 billion at today's prices — was hidden in the country's vaults but only a fraction has been surrendered Pages 1, 5

Blair accused

Tony Blair tried to defuse the row over Labour's plans to curb strike action as trade union leaders accused him of "kicking them in the teeth" Page 1

Meningitis warning

A surge in meningitis cases this winter was predicted by public health specialists after official figures revealed that last winter's total was the highest for more than 20 years Page 1

Tax loophole plan

The Labour leadership is considering ways of reducing tax loopholes enjoyed by the wealthy as an alternative to raising the top marginal rate of income tax of 40 per cent Page 2

Legal aid law delay

Plans to stop legal aid funds being wasted on undeserving cases and to force people to pay towards their legal aid bills have effectively been shelved by the Government Page 2

Hospital blunders

An investigation into a unit at Grimsby Hospital where three people died and two babies were stillborn found a catalogue of errors and ineptitude Page 3

Stone Age blues

Early man could play the blues with instruments made from bird bones, the British Association meeting in Birmingham was told Page 7

Farm terror threat

Loyalist terrorists have threatened to kill a group of Irish businessmen who bought a large farm in the Irish Republic from a Protestant family who had been evicted Page 10

Fish claim put off

A claim by Spanish fishermen for £80 million compensation from the Government for stopping them fishing in British waters was delayed Page 11

Clinton denial

Dick Morris, President Clinton's disgraced political strategist, sent investigators a statement denying he told a prostitute that Hillary Clinton was responsible for requisitioning FBI files Page 12

Lenin down under

Five years after his death, Australia's most eminent historian, Professor Manning Clark, is being demonised as a traitor, after allegations by a newspaper that he wore the Order of Lenin Page 12

Belgian arrests

In Belgium 23 people, including 11 police officers, were questioned in connection with Marc Dutroux, the confessed paedophile murderer Page 13

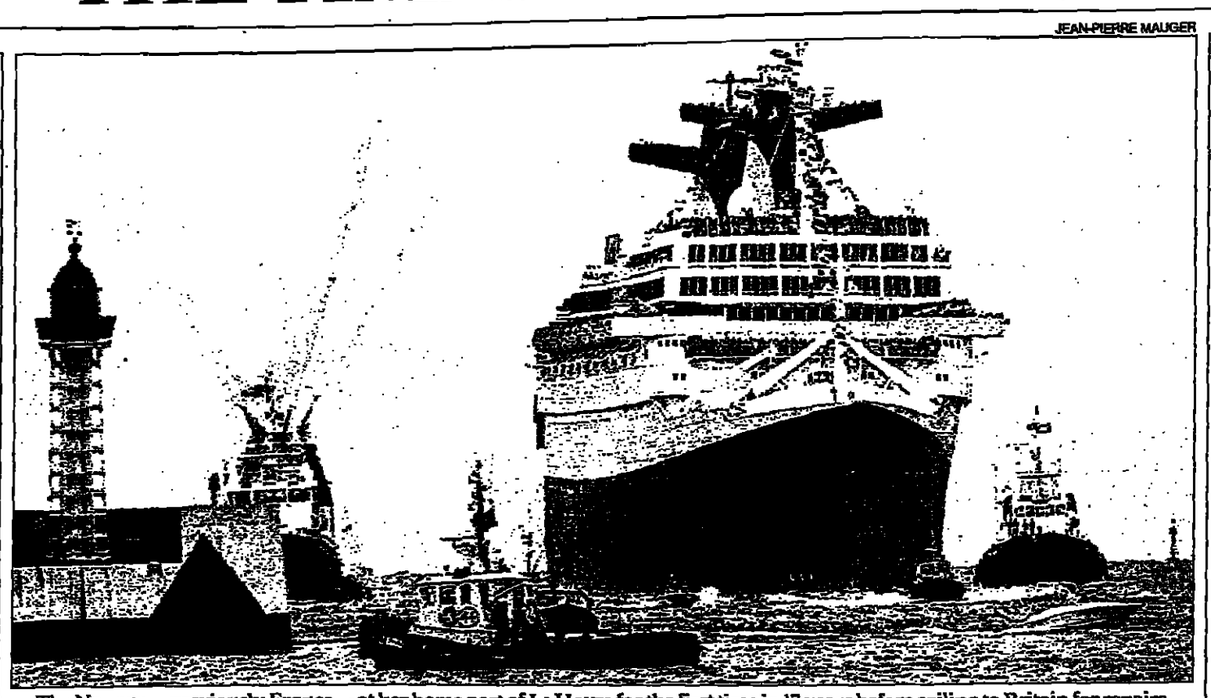
Saddam rebuilds

The Pentagon said that President Saddam Hussein was rebuilding air defence missile sites hit by US cruise missile attacks on southern Iraq Page 14

Catherine Cookson does it her way

■ At the age of 90, Dame Catherine Cookson, whose books have sold more than 100 million copies, is launching a new career as a singer with the release of a tape featuring her renditions of old-time favourites and songs she has written herself. Called *Her Way*, the tape has been mixed and cleared of background noise at the Abbey Road studios Page 1

JEAN-PIERRE MAUGER



The *Norway* — previously *France* — at her home port of Le Havre for the first time in 17 years before sailing to Britain for repairs

BUSINESS

Lloyd's of London: The body has fined seven underwriting agencies and barred five intermediaries from doing business, in a signal disciplinary drive at the insurance market Page 25

Alcopops: The craze for alcopop drinks is destroying sales of cider, Matthew Clark, the drinks company, revealed Page 25

Phone bills: British Telecom yesterday shaved another £214 million from the phone bills in an effort to stem the flow of customers to rival cable companies Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 4.4 points to close at 3915.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 85.6 to 86.1 after a fall from $1.5601 to $1.5565 but a rise from DM2.3270 to DM2.3470 Page 28

SPORT

Football: George Graham, who had been out of the game since Feburary last year, was appointed to succeed Howard Wilkinson at Leeds United Page 48

Cricket: Philip Tufnell, the Middlesex spin bowler, was selected for England's tour of Zimbabwe and New Zealand. Nasser Hussain will be vice-captain Page 46

Rugby union: A match between the Barbarians and Australia in December will go ahead despite Australian claims that they will play England Page 42

Tennis: Andrei Medvedev, the No 4 seed in the Bournemouth International tournament, was knocked out by Tom Kempers, a qualifier ranked 512 in the world Page 43

ARTS

Opera heroine: Love is on Rosa Mannion's mind, as the soprano prepares for her debut as Violetta in Jonathan Miller's new production of *La traviata*, which opens the ENO season this week Page 35

Opera hope: Next Monday, almost nine months after the Millennium Commission consigned the Cardiff Bay Opera House to the list of lottery might-have-beens, a new lottery bid is under way Page 35

Pop veterans: Donald Fagen and Walter Becker, better known as Steely Dan, thrill their somewhat mature fans at Wembley Page 36

Dramatic arrival: At last the West End has a serious new play to consider, with the arrival of Diane Samuels's fine *Kindertransport*, starring Diana Quick Page 37

FEATURES

Fence-sitting: The serialisation of Lord Runcie's biography reveals Terry Waite's feelings when his life was on the line Page 17

Nigella Lawson asks who makes the rules when smacking adult and smacked child are unrelated by blood Page 17

FASHION

Kicking out: Flares may flap but this season's bootcut trousers are flattering Page 16

MEDIA

Feeding the press: Bernard Ingham, "the best press secretary in the world", gives his own definition of a spin-doctor Page 23

Brenda Maddox says that programme makers are catering to our love of nostalgia Page 22

HOMES

On the up: Homes in the London areas that have suffered most are now seeing rising prices Page 34

THE PAPERS

Clinton is risking burning himself. The Iraqi affair is not a clear international success and the head of the White House has already had to defend himself for having abandoned the CIA's allies in Kurdistan during the Iraqi offensive. Two months remain during which the doubts could deepen — *Le Figaro*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: An unconventional treatment for brain damage in *QED: Life on Ice* (BBC1, 10.00pm) **Review:** Matthew Bond on General Norman Schwarzkopf's surprising debt to Hannibal Page 47

OPINION

Tainted gold

Mr Rifkind's talks in Switzerland would carry more weight if he could also announce that the Government is to start repaying its own holdings of Nazi gold forthwith Page 19

This is going to hurt us

The existing law of assault should be adequate to deal with "cruel or unusual" beatings of children. It does not need to be changed to make the average, caring parent a criminal Page 19

Alien corn

Each age and culture finds the contemporary ghosts it needs to embody its fears Page 19

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

The pure terrorism of American military hardware, goes the argument, should make lesser mortals rein back on their atrocities. They should beware Page 18

MARC JORDAN

There are all sorts of reasons why the continuing expansion of the National Portrait Gallery should be supported, not least because in this relativistic and integrationist age the collection tells the story of the achievements of English history and the people who were and are the achievers Page 18

ALAN COREN

Someone loved this cat — indeed probably still does, not yet knowing that it will never again pop through the catflap, having reached a state where it could as easily be slid under the door. The ex-owner should be compassionately told what had happened Page 18

OBITUARIES

Harald Penrose, test pilot; **Dimmie Fleming**, bridge player; **Vagn Holmboe**, Danish composer; **David Gresham**, director of personnel at BP Page 21

LETTERS

Runcie biography; Iraq; hospital and social services finances; Wardour Castle; flight information; Cornwall's Celtic pride Page 19



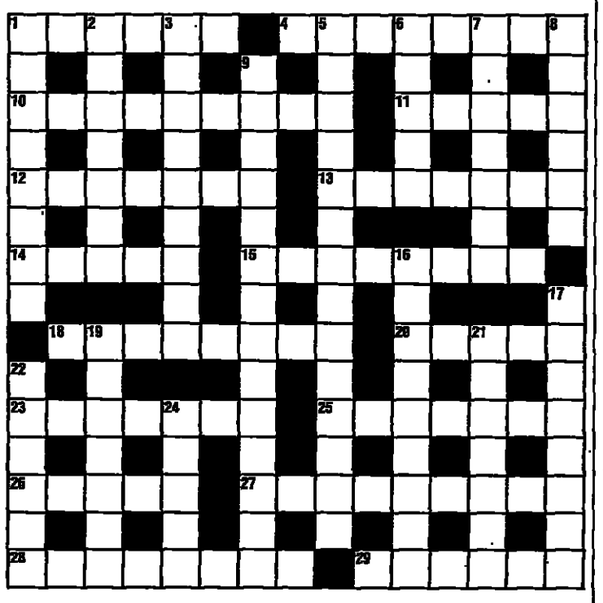
TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ FILMS
Matthew McConaughey and Sandra Bullock in the courtroom drama *A Time to Kill*

■ BOOKS
George Austin on the Runcie biography, Linda Colley reviews Roy Strong's British history

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,270



ACROSS

1 Bunch of keys found in trash (6).
4 Great dislike of Aristotle's first translation (8).
10 Conservative taking the right line in assembly (9).
11 Blown out, having fed us in mess (5).
12 Exercise with arms the media raised for discussion (5,2).
13 Late deliveries, do you say? (7).
14 Essex train carrying more than expected (5).
15 Type taking pet, for example, by Circle Line (8).
18 Very loudly utter a fabrication in pious fraud (8).
20 Halter Lear's pig had? (5).
23 Keep pleading to have fine overturned? That's a bloomer (7).
25 People who shape landscapes? (7).
26 Brook coming from a lake, not much above sea-level (5).
27 No curates involved with this sort of woman? (9).
28 Hull supporters may be put up here (8).
29 Back pay makes one able to write cheques (6).

DOWN

1 Figure out in price he'd got wrong (8).
2 A gnome's most loving when furthest away? (7).
3 Worker, after one, tucked into crusty roll (9).
5 Constable's work, putting banks in the picture (4,2,3,5).
6 Plunder from Winchester, possibly (5).
7 Such a trader could be in gaol at Reading, say? (7).
8 Frank leaving underground, strangely, to be a jogger (6).
9 Practice of corn being processed? Miller's work, that is (6,2,6).
16 Producer providing classes – actor missing the first two (9).
17 He works things out – with no eraser, surprisingly (8).
19 Perfectly lovely umbelliferous plant cut (7).
21 Accomplished, was elevated and worked as supervisor (7).
22 A committee meeting is in train (6).
24 Country has no right to make such an emphatic denial (2,3).

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Solution to Puzzle No 20,269

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Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Glasgow airport 20C (68F); lowest day max: Sella Ness, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Wainfleet, Lincolnshire, 0.12in; highest sunshine: Aspatria, Cumbria, 9.8hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** eastern counties of England will have a lot of cloud and some patchy rain or drizzle, but to the West and over Wales it will be dry and fairly bright for the most part. Winds will be from a northerly point, making it feel rather chilly in places despite normal temperatures.

Much of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with some rain or drizzle and near-normal temperatures, but south of high ground it will be mainly dry and bright, and so a little warmer. Clearer, showery weather will reach the breezy north later.

☐ **London, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales, NW England, Central N:** fairly bright with a few sunny intervals. Some isolated daytime showers. Wind north or northwest, light. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **SE England, E Anglia, E England, NE England:** rather cloudy with some rain or drizzle, mainly near coasts. Wind north or northwest, light or moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England:** mainly dry and bright with some sunny intervals. Wind north or northeast, light. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland:** rather cloudy but mainly dry. Some local drizzle patches. Wind mainly northwest, light. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Glasgow, Central Highlands:** mainly dry and bright. Isolated drizzle patches at first. Wind northwest or west, mainly light. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rain or drizzle at first, clearer from north later, with showers. Wind west or northwest, moderate or fresh. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Outlook for Thursday and Friday:** bright or sunny spells developing from the north. A few showers in the east.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

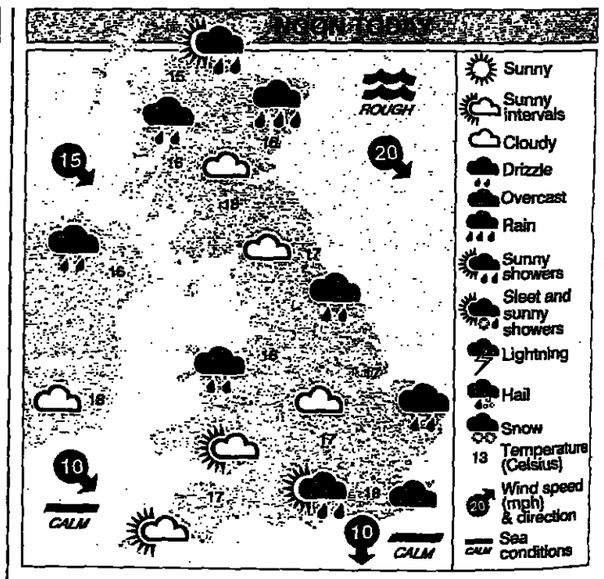
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.8	0.03	15	59	s	Lauchars	5.7	-	18	64	b
Anglesey	2.9	-	17	63	c	Littlehmpn	6.2	-	17	63	s
Aspatria	9.8	-	18	64	s	London	1.8	-	16	61	c
Aviemore	3.2	0.01	16	61	b	Lowestoft	0.7	0.04	16	61	sh
Belfast	6.2	0.01	17	63	b	Manchester	0.1	-	16	61	c
Birmingham	0.1	0.01	16	61	c	Margate	1.5	0.01	16	61	du
Bognor R	6.9	-	18	64	s	Minehead	2.8	-	18	64	b
Bournem'th	4.1	-	18	64	b	Morecambe	3.4	-	18	64	b
Bristol	5.2	-	17	63	b	Newcastle	3.8	-	16	61	s
Buxton	-	-	13	55	du	Norwich	-	0.04	15	59	d
Cardiff	3.1	-	17	63	c	Oxford	2.1	0.01	16	61	c
Clacton	2.8	0.02	15	59	c	Penzance	X	-	18	64	c
Colwyn Bay	9.7	-	15	59	s	Poole	3.8	-	18	64	c
Cromer	1.1	0.02	15	59	c	Prestatyn	X	-	17	63	c
Dunbar	5.3	-	16	61	b	Ross-o-wye	2.6	-	16	61	b
Eastbourne	8.6	-	18	64	s	Ryde	6.1	-	18	64	c
Edinburgh	6.4	-	19	66	b	Salcombe	5.4	-	19	66	s
Eskdalemuir	6.3	-	16	61	s	Sandown	6.1	-	18	64	s
Exmouth	4.9	-	19	66	s	Scarboro'	2.0	0.02	14	57	b
Falmouth	2.0	-	17	63	b	Shrewsbury	-	0.01	16	59	r
Fishguard	3.5	0.01	15	59	b	Skegness	0.9	0.02	15	59	sh
Folkestone	2.9	-	17	63	b	Southend	1.0	-	17	63	c
Glasgow	8.9	-	30	68	s	Southport	2.0	-	18	64	b
Guernsey	4.2	-	18	64	c	Southsea	4.4	-	18	64	s
Hastings	6.2	-	18	64	s	Stornoway	-	0.01	14	57	r
Hayling I.	3.6	-	18	64	b	Swanage	4.9	-	18	64	b
Herne Bay	2.8	-	16	61	b	Teignmouth	4.6	-	18	64	b
Hove	5.3	-	18	64	c	Tenby	1.9	0.01	17	63	b
Hunstanton	X	0.03	15	59	c	Tiree	5.8	0.01	15	59	r
Isle of Man	5.0	-	18	64	c	Torquay	5.1	-	19	66	s
Jersey	2.1	0.01	17	63	b	Tynemouth	-	0.01	13	55	s
Kintoss	2.8	0.01	16	61	c	Ventnor	8.7	-	18	64	s
Leeds	0.3	0.01	15	59	c	West-s-mare	4.3	-	17	63	c
Lerwick	7.3	0.01	12	54	s	Weymouth	3.5	-	19	66	b

ABROAD

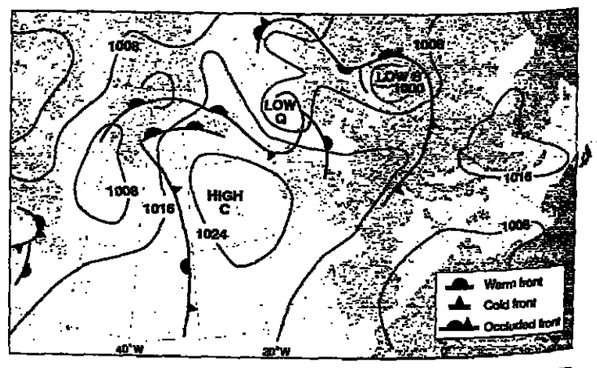
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Alicante	26	77	s	C'hagen	15	59	s	Malaga	27	81	s
Amsterdm	20	84	c	Dublin	15	59	c	Malta	35	77	c
Algiers	26	79	f	Dubrovnik	21	70	s	Melb'rne	17	63	x
Amst'dm	18	64	f	Faro	22	72	f	Mexico C	19	66	f
Athens	26	79	s	Florence	25	77	f	Miami	26	79	r
B Aires	15	59	s	Frankfurt	18	64	f	Milan	21	70	s
Bahrain	38	100	s	Funchal	24	75	s	Montreal	19	66	f
Bangkok	32	90	r	Geneva	16	61	s	Moscow	13	55	c
Barbados	27	81	r	Gibraltar	25	77	s	Munich	13	55	f
Barcelona	23	73	f	Helsinki	10	50	c	N Delhi	28	82	d
Beirut	29	84	f	Hong K	29	84	f	N York	29	84	s
Belgrade	14	57	c	Innsbruck	15	59	f	Nairobi	28	82	c
Berlin	14	57	r	Istanbul	20	68	f	Naples	25	77	s
Bermuda	28	82	f	Jeddah	37	99	s	Nice	23	73	s
Biarritz	17	63	s	Jo'burg	27	81	s	Oslo	14	57	s
Borde'x	20	68	c	L Angels	24	75	s	Paris	19	66	f
Brussels	17	63	f	L Palmas	26	79	f	Peking	28	82	s
Budapst	17	63	s	Le Tquet	17	63	f	Perth	20	68	f
Cairo	32	90	s	Lisbon	25	77	s	Prague	12	54	f
Cape Tn	15	59	s	Locarno	13	55	f	Reykjavik	12	54	fg
Ch'church	15	59	x	Luxembg	17	63	f	Rhodes	24	75	s
Chicago	24	75	s	Lisbon	40	104	s	Rio de J	28	82	f
Cologne	16	61	f	Madrid	22	72	s	Riyadh	39	102	s
								Rome	23	73	f
								S Fr'isco	18	66	s
								S Paulo	16	61	c
								Salzburg	15	59	f
								Santiago	19	66	s
								Seoul	27	81	f
								Sing'por	31	88	f
								St'kholm	11	52	c
								Strasb'rg	19	66	s
								Sydney	21	70	f
								Tangier	22	72	f
								Tel Aviv	30	86	f
								Tenerife	25	77	f
								Tokyo	19	64	r
								Toronto	20	68	r
								Tunis	23	73	f
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Temperatures at midday local time on Monday X = not available

AROUND TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: high C remains slow moving; low Q will track southeast and deepen; low B will gradually edge east with little change in central pressure



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	0:37	6.5	12:54	6.6	Leith	1:25	5.1	1:47	5.1
Aberdeen	8:07	4.1	12:34	4.0	Liverpool	10:20	8.7	10:34	9.0
Avonmouth	6:01	12.2	6:16	12.6	Lowestoft	8:15	2.5	8:58	2.4
Belfast	10:23	3.2	10:29	3.5	Margate	11:06	4.5	11:38	4.5
Cardiff	5:45	10.8	6:06	11.2	Milford Haven	5:12	6.3	5:28	6.6
Devonport	4:36	5.0	4:49	5.2	Newquay	3:57	6.0	4:16	6.2
Dover	10:14	6.3	10:32	6.3	Oban	4:51	3.6	4:59	3.8
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Moon sets 6.36 pm
Moon rises 4.53 am

London 7.24 pm to 6.31 am
Bristol 7.33 pm to 6.41 am
Edinburgh 7.40 pm to 6.39 am
Manchester 7.34 pm to 6.38 am
Penzance 7.44 pm to 6.54 am

New Moon tomorrow

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Fraudster tries to recruit SFO chief for Nigerian scam

BY JON ASHWORTH

IT WAS just another fraudulent letter scam. The author was from out of town, he had $32 million to place in a UK bank account, and he needed the help of a trustworthy person employed by a reputable company. Nothing could be simpler — except that the recipient was George Staple, and the "company" was the Serious Fraud Office (SFO).

The Director of the SFO is not, perhaps, the most logical person to target for a fraudulent scheme. But so it unfolded yesterday, when a letter addressed to the "President/CEO" and carrying a Lagos postmark, arrived at the SFO's Elm House headquarters. Mr Staple was none too impressed with what Dr Oludare Wilson of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation had to say.

The story will be familiar enough to the thousands of people to have encountered this well-worn format over the years. Dr Wilson — unscrupulous chap that he is — had over-inflated a $665 million engineering and construction contract, and was eager to transfer $32 million into a safe and reliable offshore account. None safer than Mr Staple's, one would agree.

In time-honoured fashion, Dr Wilson goes on to offer the SFO a cut of 30 per cent — about $9.6 million — in return for its help. He goes on to recount the unhappy tale of an earlier deal that went wrong, costing him and his partners $27.5 million. He adds: "This time around we need a more reliable and trustworthy person and a reputable company's account to transfer this money into. Hence this letter to you."

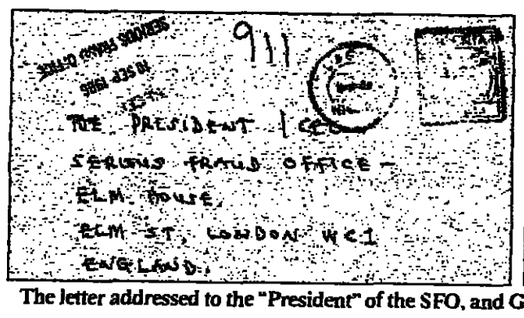
Dr Wilson concludes by asking Mr Staple to keep the proposed deal "top secret and confidential", since "top and influential government functionaries" are involved. The transaction, needless to say, is "100 per cent risk free."

Mr Staple, a former partner in Clifford Chance, the City law firm, promptly referred the matter to an interested party — the Metropolitan Police Fraud Squad. The Met is said to have received at least 18,000 complaints about Nigerian letter frauds, and has reputedly made about 45 arrests. It is thought that at least $39 million has been swindled from recipients who were rash enough to take up the offer.

Five men were sentenced to various terms in prison in January for their part in a Nigerian-based "fax fraud" which involved 400 victims in 60 countries. Metropolitan Police officers recovered £280,000, in a raid on three premises in central London. In May, two brothers were jailed for their part in a Lagos-based ring. Fraudsters are thought to employ UK-based operatives who literally page through telephone directories, plucking names and addresses at random. Presumably, the words Serious Fraud Office were innocuous enough not to trigger alarm.

Victims who swallow the bait are induced to pay money up front in "consultancy fees" and "local taxes" to facilitate transfer of the funds. Needless to say, the transfer never takes place. One businessmen claims to have lost $6 million to "advance fee" fraud.

Mr Staple, for his part, was treating yesterday's incident as all in a day's work. He said: "They targeted the wrong person for their mailshot. I hope those who received similar letters will not be foolish enough to get involved."





The letter addressed to the "President" of the SFO, and George Staple, the Director

M&G deal urged on Kepit investors

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

THE board of the beleaguered Kleinwort Benson European Privatisation Trust (Kepit) has written to its 70,000 investors informing them that their interests would be best served in a joint deal with M&G, the unit trust group.

However, the announcement immediately prompted a row between Kepit and Henderson Touche Remnant, the fund management group, whose TR European Growth (Treg) unit trust is bidding £500 million for Kepit.

Treg claimed that the M&G arrangement did not properly cater for the needs of the bulk of Kepit's disaffected investors who wanted cash.

The scandal at Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, whose European trusts are now the centre of an investigation that could lead to big upheaval for the trust industry, has added further confusion to the complex arguments over Kepit's fate. But Shane Ross, Kepit's chairman, denied that the events at Morgan Grenfell had in any way influenced his choice of a partner.

Mr Ross is recommending a scheme proposed by M&G under which investors could choose either to hold units in a new Kleinwort Benson European Privatisation unit trust, switch into M&G's European & General unit trust, or take cash by moving into Kleinwort's Money Market trust and then liquidating their holdings.

Mr Ross said that M&G's stratagem was the most attractive of the ten proposals submitted by fund management groups. He was also highly critical of the Treg's £500 million bid that inspired the approaches from other suitors, including Barings, Flemings, Guinness Flight, Invesco and Lazards. Morgan Grenfell withdrew from the fray, after the suspension of its European trusts last week.

Mr Ross claimed that Treg's plan to liquidate Kepit's entire portfolio would raise less for investors than the deal with M&G, as the market would reduce prices in anticipation of the sale. He added that Kepit investors would eventually be forced to bear Treg's £14 million worth of bid costs.

Treg was equally dismissive of Kepit's plan to link with M&G, reminding investors that the Kepit board had originally opposed the concept of unitisation. This is the process whereby an investment trust is turned to a unit trust to allow investors to cash in their holdings at their true value rather than at a discount. Kepit shares have languished at a discount since their launch in January.

James de Sausmarez, of Henderson Touche Remnant, said: "Those Kepit investors who want a continuing investment in Europe would be better off in Treg, whose performance is significantly better than M&G's. Most Kepit investors want cash. But the new Kleinwort trust and the M&G trust will be able to cherry-pick Kepit's best holdings. This means that those investors who want cash will be left with the proceeds of the less valuable parts of the portfolio."

Mr Ross said that the details of other proposals would be disclosed when further information on the M&G deal was sent out later this month.

☐ Unit-holders in Morgan Grenfell withdrew a further £23 million yesterday, taking total withdrawals in the last week to £255 million.

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TONY WHITE



Ertie Paterson, the chief executive of National Express, yesterday announced plans to bid for all remaining rail franchises. Story, page 26

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3916.1	(+5.3)
Yield	4.0%	
FT-SE A All share	1936.02	(+3.35)
Nikkei	20559.59	(+357.32)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5729.77	(-4.07)*
S&P Composite	664.07	(+0.31)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5⅛%*	(5⅛%)
Long Bond	95²⁰⁄₃₂*	(95¹¹⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.11%*	(7.07%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	5²³⁄₃₂%	(5²³⁄₃₂%)
Life long gilt future (Dec)	106¹⁷⁄₃₂	(106¹⁷⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5569*	(1.5572)
London:		
$	1.5567	(1.5600)
DM	2.3474	(2.3271)
FFr	8.0082	(7.9462)
SFr	1.9197	(1.8976)
Yen	171.07	(170.19)
£ Index	86.1	(85.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5086*	(1.4895)
FFr	5.1507*	(5.1130)
SFr	1.2330*	(1.2227)
Yen	109.80*	(109.25)
$ Index	97.1	(96.5)

Tokyo close Yen 109.28

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov) $22.10 ($21.90)

GOLD

London close $383.45 ($383.50)

* denotes midday trading price

Utility review

Richard Caborn, the Shadow Minister for competitiveness and a regulation specialist, yesterday told a fringe meeting at the Trades Union Congress that the party plans a review of the utilities pricing formulae, and seeks moves to make the regulators more publicly and politically accountable.
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Textiles jobs

Courtaulds Textiles, a supplier to Marks & Spencer, is to shift more production abroad and will cut 1,500 British jobs over the next two years. **Page 27, Tempus 28**

Alcopops hangover for Matthew Clark

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE craze for "alcopop" drinks is destroying sales of cider, Matthew Clark, the drinks company, revealed yesterday. Shares in the company slumped by more than a third to close down 239p at 431p, wiping more than £210 million off the company's market value.

Peter Aikens, chief executive, said that sales of Matthew Clark's premium branded products, which include Diamond White and "K" ciders and Babycham, had fallen by 60 per cent during July and August. Sales in the company's branded division fell by 40 per cent overall. The company's premium brand ciders account for around 18 per cent of total group profits.

Alcopops, fruit-flavoured alcoholic drinks, were only launched in this country last year but are expected to notch up total sales of £170 million this year despite a storm of criticism over the marketing techniques employed to sell the drinks.

Carlsberg-Tetley, the brewer, was forced to spend £100,000 last week altering the labelling on its latest products, the tangerine-flavoured Thickhead, after complaints that the bottle was appealing to underage drinkers. Leading alcopop brands include Hoopers Hooch, made by Bass, and Two Dogs marketed by Merrydown, the rival cider company. Hoopers Hooch is now selling three times the volume of Diamond White.

Shares in HP Bulmer, Matthew Clark's main rival in the cider market, also suffered, falling 28p to close at 552.5p, although the company does produce alcopop products. Shares in Merrydown, the third major cider company, improved by 0.5p to 117p.

Matthew Clark added that its profits had also been hit, although to a lesser degree, by cheap cider products which have continued to take up most of the market growth, imposing pricing pressure on premium brands.

The company said it would rethink its marketing strategy to deal with the threat posed by alcopops, but did not want to make a knee-jerk response to the problem.

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PPI creditors to receive surety money

BY JON ASHWORTH

CREDITORS of Polly Peck International are to receive £2.6 million lodged as surety for Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman, after a judge ruled that the funds should not be forfeited to the Crown.

Sir Lawrence Verney, the Recorder of London, was asked at the Old Bailey by Roy Amlot, QC, acting for PPI's joint administrator, not to order forfeiture of the £2 million security left behind when Mr Nadir jumped bail in May 1993. The result means that the sum — plus an estimated £600,000 in interest — is available to creditors.

Christopher Morris of Deloitte & Touche, joint administrator of PPI, had challenged the application by the Crown. Mr Morris said: "I am delighted with the result as this will increase the amount of money available to creditors." The extra funds will not have a significant impact on creditors, who are owed about £1.8 billion.

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BT cuts bills to fight cable

BY ERIC REGULY

BT yesterday shaved another £214 million from Britain's telephone bill to try to stop customers defecting to cable companies.

The reductions come into effect next month and will see the prices of national and international calls fall by between 10 per cent and 25 per cent. BT said that the new cuts have raised the total savings to residential and business customers to more than £1.5 billion over the past three years.

Consumer groups welcomed the reductions, but criticised BT for not extending them to local calls. Emma Hellyer, for the National Consumer Council, said: "The one thing they should be doing is cutting the cost of local calls. A lot of people only make local calls."

She also attacked BT for failing to deliver more flexible pricing packages. BT last year told Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, that it might introduce a fee structure similar to ones offered by mobile-phone companies. For example, customers who use the phone a lot might accept higher rental charges in exchange for cheaper calls.

The price cuts favour residential customers over business users. Of the £214 million in cuts, £120 million is directed at the home market. In the past, business has been the main beneficiary of BT's Oftel-imposed price cuts. The Consumers' Association estimates that business bills have fallen, in real terms, by 9.3 per cent each year since 1990, against 2.7 per cent for home bills.

Strong competition by cable companies in the consumer market is forcing BT to change its strategy. BT has admitted losing 50,000 customers a month to cable companies.

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Lloyd's disciplines agencies

BY JON ASHWORTH

LLOYD'S of London has fined seven underwriting agencies and barred five intermediaries from doing business, in a sign of a heightened disciplinary drive at the insurance market. Bankside Syndicates and Murray Lawrence & Partners have been fined £5,000 each for late submission of syndicate or agency quarterly returns. Five other agencies received token fines of £500 each.

Lloyd's has started publishing details of its disciplinary actions: previously, details would have been circulated internally. The move follows the success of the reconstruction and renewal plan. Lloyd's introduced new disciplinary bylaws with effect from August 7. These include fixed penalty fines and the requirement that disciplinary actions be published. The above fines were imposed under an earlier bylaw.

David Gittings, director of Lloyd's regulatory division, said: "These actions are part of the ongoing regulatory activity going on at Lloyd's. The difference is that for these cases, and those in future, we will give publicity to the action taken."

In a separate action, access to the market has been withdrawn in the case of five intermediaries. Philip Knight & Co has been barred for exceeding the terms of its underwriting authority. Prokor Underwriting Managers (Pty) Ltd has been barred for purporting to provide insurance in the knowledge that no cover was in place. Others barred include Colburn Wilson Co, Fortress Auto Systems (Pty) Ltd and Dobinson Gregory & Co.

☐ Final acceptances for the Lloyd's settlement offer close at noon today. Resistance is understood to be strongest in Canada, where 268 out of 571 names have yet to accept.



NEWSTEAM

Going for growth: Steve Murfin, left, finance director, and Brian Evans, chief executive, saw pre-tax profits at Wyevale Garden Centres rise 22.4 per cent to £5.8 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings rose 19.8 per cent to 10.4p a share. The interim dividend rises 15 per cent to 3.7p a share

Midland and CU agree to works councils

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MIDLAND BANK and Commercial Union, the insurance group, yesterday brought 70,000 staff under European works council arrangements with the establishment of two new councils.

Midland's arrangement will enable consultation with its 40,000 staff in the UK although the HSBC banking group, its parent, is to persist with plans to derecognise the banking union for 9,000 managers.

The deal, which will also reach Midland's 4,000 employees in Europe, is the first struck by HSBC with Bifu, the banking union. But Alan Scrimgour, assistant secretary of Bifu who will sit on the new council, tempered his welcome for the arrangement with a call for full union recognition.

He said: "Welcome though the works council is, to be fully effective, the listening bank has got to listen to its managers in the UK. It is illogical and an insult to their managers to deny them full union rights."

Midland's works council is only the second in the banking industry. Last year NatWest became the first bank to ratify such an arrangement. Bifu is holding talks with other banks, including Barclays and Lloyds TSB, to introduce councils.

Commercial Union's deal, which covers 16,800 staff across Europe with 8,500 in the UK, was struck after consultation with the European wide Euro-Feit grouping of unions and the UK staff association. The group said it would enable greater participation in European business.

UK companies do not have to form works councils because of Britain's opt-out from the social chapter, but those with European interests are obliged to do so under the European works council directive. TUC research has shown that the UK is setting up works councils faster than any other EU member state.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

New code of payment practice launched

A NEW initiative to combat the late payment of commercial debt was launched yesterday. The Confederation of British Industry and the British Standards Institution joined government ministers in introducing the new standard, BS 7890, with the aim of creating better links between suppliers and customers and improving present payment practices. Business leaders, who are urging all firms to embrace the new standard, believe it will improve both the credit management procedures of the seller and the purchasing practices of the buyer, saving time and money for both sides.

The standard adds to existing codes of practice by providing payment guidelines for both sides. While the standard itself is not legally binding, business leaders envisage that if companies enter into a contract to supply goods and services, and quote the standard in effecting the transaction, then as part of the contract the standard would have full legal status under current contract law.

Scotia's commercial aim

SCOTIA HOLDINGS, the drugs development company, plans to become a commercial pharmaceuticals group and expects to have the first of its new drugs on the market next year, with profits by 1999. Scotia, the second largest player in the biotech sector, yesterday reported a loss of £7 million in the half year to the end of June, against a loss of £5.3 million previously. Operating income rose 12 per cent to £10.9 million. Scotia shares closed at 69½p, down 42p.

Bardon keeps up payout

BARDON GROUP, the quarrying and aggregates company, is maintaining the interim dividend at 0.8p a share for the half-year to June 30. Profits rose to £5.8 million from £5.2 million in the first six months and earnings improved to 0.4p a share from 0.3p. The company said second-half trading would be tough. In the UK a decline in volumes may not be fully offset by higher prices. In America the outcome will depend on the weather holding good until the year end.

Eurotunnel post

EUROTUNNEL has appointed Richard Shirrefs as finance director. Mr Shirrefs has been recruited from Catteau, the French subsidiary of Tesco, where he is finance director. He will be based in Calais and will take up his new post on November 1. He will report to Georges-Christian Chazot, Eurotunnel's managing director, and will be responsible for all financial matters relating to the business except for talks with Eurotunnel's banks.

Allied Leisure dividend

ALLIED LEISURE, which owns 35 bowling centres, is resuming dividend payments after a three-year absence. The company recommends payment of 0.5p a share for the 54 weeks to the end of June. Profits were £2.54 million before tax and exceptional items, rising from £1.83 million in the first half of the previous year. Adjusted earnings were 2.85p a share (2.44p). The company said like-for-like sales were up 20 per cent in the first half of the current year.

Kingsbury 43% ahead

KINGSBURY GROUP, the specialist furniture retailer, reported a 43 per cent jump in interim underlying pre-tax profits to £2.5 million (£1.8 million). The rise comes on the back of sales growth of 21 per cent. The group has opened four stores in the first half and plans a further five in the second half. Earnings per share, in the six months ended July 6, were up 36 per cent to 7.2p. There will be an interim dividend, payable on November 12, of 1.25p, up 25 per cent.

Olivetti chief's UK date

FRANCESCO CAIO, managing director of Olivetti, the struggling Italian electronics company, will visit London early next week to meet investors and analysts. Up to 30 per cent of the company is owned by London-based investors who want to question Signor Caio after Olivetti's announcement last week that it had made a half-time loss of 440.2 billion lire. After chaotic trading on Monday Olivetti shares yesterday hit a new low of 575 lire (24.43p) during trading.

National to go all-out on rail bids

BY FRASER NELSON

NATIONAL EXPRESS, the transport group, said yesterday that it would bid for all of the unsold rail franchises.

The group, whose acquisition of the Midlands Main Line has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, said that it had decided not to "pick and choose" between the remaining franchises.

Stagecoach, the UK bus and rail company that runs South West Trains, declared a similar strategy in July.

Colin Child, finance director of National Express, said the group was confident of persuading the MMC that its ownership of both West Midlands Travel, a regional bus operator, and the Midlands train network would not present it with an unfair advantage.

He added: "The overlap between coach and rail passengers is minimal. We see rail's main competition as the car market, and our advertising strategy will be targeting car passengers directly."

Pre-tax profits increased to £20.4 million from £7.79 million on sales of £206 million (£115 million). Earnings jumped from 7.3p to 10.5p per share. An interim dividend of 3.4p (3p) will be paid on October 21.

Although net cash fell to £18.9 million, from £33.7 million, the group said that it was looking to buy more bus companies.

Its two rail operations, Gatwick Express and Midland Main Line, generated a combined operating profit of £401,000 in their first four months with the group. There was a six-month profit contribution of £18.5 million from West Midlands Travel.

Polski Express, its Polish subsidiary, incurred losses of £466,000. National Express may put the service into a joint venture or withdraw completely.

Labour outlines plans to shake up utilities

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR is to propose tighter profit caps for utilities and could share out the windfall tax it intends to levy on the privatised industries on a regional basis.

The clearest picture yet of how a Labour government would tackle utility regulation emerged yesterday when one of the key architects of the policy, soon to be unveiled, outlined current thinking.

Richard Caborn, Labour's spokesman for competitiveness and a regulation specialist, told a fringe meeting at the Trades Union Congress conference that the party plans a review of the pricing formulae and to make the regulators more publicly and politically accountable and could seek to return excess profits clawed back under a windfall tax to the areas in which companies had made their profits.

Moves to distribute the windfall tax on a regional basis are in their infancy but such an allocation would bolster a Labour reinforcement of regional development. Mr Caborn said: "Why shouldn't it be that where the money has been generated it then finds its way back?" Regional distribution of the tax, which is expected to raise at least £3 billion, could help to fund training and youth employment schemes. Tax raised from a levy on the electricity generators and possibly British Gas, which do not have a regional base, would be distributed nationally.

Mr Caborn stressed that the utilities would face harsh profit caps, run in tandem with tighter corporate governance. The pricing formula of retail price inflation minus X, conceived by Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, is likely to be discarded in favour of profit-sharing.

Mr Caborn said Margaret Beckett, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, was looking at profit-sharing programmes to curb the companies' ability to pass cost savings made under RPI-X straight on to shareholders. He said: "RPI-X has largely failed in stopping benefits going directly to shareholders."

Foreign ownership of UK utilities is also likely to come under scrutiny and Labour could insist on domestic companies having a separate listing on the Stock Exchange if they are owned by overseas businesses. Labour also hopes to strengthen the hand of utilities to compete globally and could endorse vertical integration of the type that was outlawed by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, when he vetoed bids by National Power and PowerGen for two regional electricity companies.

Mr Caborn described the decision by Mr Lang to bar National Power from buying Southern Electric and PowerGen from buying Midlands Electricity as a "narrow view".

He said UK companies must be empowered to compete effectively overseas. He said they could be suffering from too small a home base to nurture the expertise needed.

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RJB confirms plan for £300m colliery

BY OLIVER AUGUST

RJB Mining, the company that bought most of British Coal's mines, yesterday confirmed that it has submitted proposals for a new colliery in the Witham district, north of Newark, Nottinghamshire.

This is the first new pit development in England since 1981 and the largest since the coal bonanza in Yorkshire's Selby coalfield 20 years ago. The coalfield is likely to contain 655 million tonnes and will take ten to 15 years to come into full production.

About a third of the reserves vary in depth from 600 to 900 metres and extraction would be at the rate of three million tonnes a year, creating 500 jobs. Development is expected to cost £300 million at 1996 prices. Plans for the mine come a month after RJB, whose managing director of deep mines is Bill Rowell, announced the closure of the Point of Ayr Colliery, in North Wales.

RJB saw pre-tax interim profits rise to £86.1 million, from £85.8 million, in the half year to June 30. Turnover eased to £700 million (£740 million). The interim dividend is 8p (5.5p). The results were calculated after charging an £18.3 million operating loss following geological problems at the Asfordby pit in Leicestershire.



Rowell: profits up

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Ulster wins 700 new factory jobs

MORE than 700 jobs are to be created in Limavady, Co Londonderry, in a £68.2 million project by Seagate Technology, the world's largest independent manufacturer of disc drives (Nicholas Watt writes).

Seagate will take over the site of the Benelux factory which closed last week with the loss of 100 jobs. The Benelux plant, which opened last year with a £10 million grant from the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board, made compact disc covers.

The board will provide £24.2 million towards the new 174,000 sq ft plant, hailed as one of the most important inward investment projects in Northern Ireland in years.

The factory, Seagate's second in Londonderry, will begin production next July and is expected to provide 759 new jobs over two years.

Amstrad may give £100m to investors

BY JASON NISSÉ

AMSTRAD, which called off takeover talks with Psion, the rival electronics group, two months ago, is considering handing over £100 million of cash to its shareholders.

Alan Sugar, the group's chairman and 34 per cent shareholder, said the group was awaiting the ruling in its legal action against Seagate Technology of the US before it decides what to do with its £107 million cash pile.

The court is due to rule next month on Amstrad's claim that Seagate delivered faulty hard disk drives for Amstrad's personal computers in 1988 and 1989. Seagate could be forced to pay damages of over £100 million.

A similar case, against Western Digital, based in California, is due to start in America in February.

Mr Sugar said Amstrad had so far shied way from giving cash back to shareholders because of the tax costs. But he added: "Either we are going to use the money for further acquisitions or find a scheme to give it back without the tax man putting his greasy hands on it."

Mr Sugar spoke as Amstrad revealed pre-tax losses of £14.9 million (£3.1 million profit) for the year to June 30. The loss per share was 13.7p, against earnings of 2.2p. An unchanged final dividend of 1.5p, payable on November 1, makes 2.75p for the year (2.5p).

Mr Sugar added that Amstrad was well placed to win a contract from BSkyB, in which News International, publisher of *The Times*, has a 40 per cent stake, for a TV set top decoder to receive BSkyB's new 200-channel digital service. However, a BSkyB spokeswoman said no plans for a digital launch had been announced and Mr Sugar was talking prematurely.

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Better market share helps to lift Aegis

AEGIS, the largest media buying and planning group, yesterday announced a 23 per cent rise in underlying pre-tax profits, to £20.1 million, in the half year to June 30 (Eric Reguly writes).

Earnings per share were 1.4p (1.2p). Aegis, which operates under the Carat name, said the results stemmed from a growth in advertising and market share and the recruitment of large clients such as Philips. An interim dividend of 0.25p will be paid on October 11. Shares fell 2p to 63½p.

Spring Ram sees signs of upturn

ROGER REGAN, chairman of Spring Ram, yesterday said that there are signs of an upturn in demand as the troubled kitchens and bathrooms group reported a rise in pre-tax losses to £20.4 million, from £17.3 million, in the first half of this year (Jason Nissé writes).

Mr Regan also said there had been some improvement in Spring Ram's furniture operations, which are for sale.

The loss per share was 4.5p, (3.5p). There is again no dividend..

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.04	1.88
Austria Sch	17.42	16.92
Belgium Fr	51.05	46.75
Canada $	2.242	2.062
Cyprus Cyp£	0.754	0.689
Denmark Kr	9.57	8.77
Finland Mrk	7.63	6.98
France Fr	8.36	7.71
Germany Dm	2.49	2.28
Greece Dr	387	362
Hong Kong $	12.68	11.68
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.31	4.86
Italy Lira	2483	2308
Japan Yen	184.40	168.40

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Malta	0.600	0.545
Netherlds Gld	2.767	2.537
New Zealand $	2.39	2.17
Norway Kr	10.55	9.76
Portugal Esc	250.00	231.50
S Africa Rd	7.58	6.78
Spain Pta	203.00	190.00
Sweden Kr	11.02	10.22
Switzerland Fr	2.03	1.86
Turkey Lira	139650	131650
USA $	1.556	1.526

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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
DIGITAL COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED
Registered number: 1525416
Nature of business: Computer Services
Trade Classification: 37
Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 6 September 1996
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: National Westminster Bank Plc
Joint Administrative Receivers: Philip Wedgewood Wallace and Roger Howard Oldfie, Office holder nos. 6281 and 2515
Address: KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP

PARDOGOLD LIMITED
t/a 'DANIELLA'
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, Situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF on 20th September 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 of the said Act. It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meeting concerning the Liquidators remuneration, however the meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.
A list of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 5th September 1996
MRS C NAREY, Director

BELGRAVE PROPERTIES LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that on the 5th September 1996 the above-named company approved a payment of £44,000 out of capital for the purpose of purchasing 10,000 of its own shares; that the statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office PO Box 442 Belgrave House, Asridge Farm, Gosmore Wood, St Albans, Herts AL4 0EJ; and that any creditor of the Company may at any time within the 5 weeks immediately following the aforementioned date apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an Order prohibiting the payment.
S M Palmer, Director

STRATTON SHIPPING LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at 7 Kendrick Place, London, W1H 3FF on 25th September 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crowley & Davies, 7 Kendrick Place, London W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 6th September 1996
ROBERT CARY DIAMOND, Director

CRICKET ST THOMAS DAIRIES LTD
(In Administration)
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held at The Municipal Hall, Old Municipal Buildings, Corporation Street, Taunton, Somerset TA1 4AQ on 25th September 1996 at 10.30am, to consider my proposals under Section 23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a Creditors' Committee. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has submitted details of his claim to the Joint Administrators at Cricket St Thomas Estate Ltd (In Administration), Cricket St Thomas Estate, Chard, Somerset, TA20 4HZ, not later than 12.00 noon on 24th September 1996.
A copy of my proposals is available on written request to the Joint Administrators, at the Chard address above. A proxy form should be completed and returned to G Evans Esq at the Chard address above by the date of the meeting if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented.
Dated 10th September
P R STOKES, Joint Administrator

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
DIGITAL COMPUTER SERVICES (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
Registered number: 1841908
Nature of business: Computer Services
Trade Classification: 36
Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 6 September 1996
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: National Westminster Bank Plc
Joint Administrative Receivers: Philip Wedgewood Wallace and Roger Howard Oldfie, Office holder nos. 6281 and 2515
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Bayaran Bowen Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at Bechler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DE at 10.30am on 26 September 1996 for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receiver under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are entitled to vote if they have delivered to us at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DE, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and
There has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated 3 September 1996
S.W. Pendlebury
Joint Administrative Receiver

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NOTICE OF MEETING
The Annual General Meeting of Members of The Cremation Society of Great Britain will be held at the Guilds Country Court Hotel, Bearsted Road, Weaving, Maidstone Kent ME14 5AA, on Thursday 10th October 1996 at 12 noon.
Copies of the Accounts are available on application. Members proposing to attend should notify the Society.
R.N. Arber
Secretary

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☐ Williams focuses on focus ☐ Three-way split for investment trust ☐ Regan's patient still in intensive care

The leopards change their spots

☐ IF conglomerate has become a term of abuse, then "acquisition-minded conglomerate" must be the ultimate insult. Which is curious given how many there are still around. The dictionary defines a conglomerate as a group or corporation formed by merging of unrelated firms. Most companies of any age fall within this definition, having evolved over the decades through a curious, quasi-biological process of fission and fusion as deals were done and different businesses were bought and sold.

Some argue, therefore, that the current distaste for conglomerates is more a matter of fashion and perception. They may even point out that no one in the City ever took to task Gerry Robinson, of Granada, or Sir Clive Thompson, at Rentokil, for heading groupings that range from *Coronation Street* to motorway cafés or office cleaning to tropical plants until they were involved in takeover bids.

But boards of directors do not sensibly ignore fashion even if the two biggest fashion victims, BTR and Hanson, left it too long. BTR will this week cut its dividend by a third and make much of its plans for disposals; Hanson, from October, becomes four separate companies. There are others that survived, by proving either that they could bring added value to the concept — difficult, that, given that the City had decided it was irredeemably flawed — or that they were not really a conglomerate after all.

The flim-flam that accompanied this strategy made much of "focus", the corporate buzz-word of the 1990s. This means concentrating on profitable areas, the sort of blindingly obvious insight that management consultants are paid millions to come up with. The focus word will be well to the fore when BTR makes its apologia to the City tomorrow, and it was on offer yesterday from Williams.

This is one of the survivors, Sir Nigel Rudd, its chairman, having spotted early the conglomerates brush coming and ducked to avoid most of the tar. The second half, he told the City, will feature "the continuing strength of our fire protection businesses and the increasing sales volume of security products". Limping a poor third, by implication, comes building products and such household names as Rawlplugs and Larchlap fencing, Amdega conservatories and Smallbone luxury fitted kitchens.

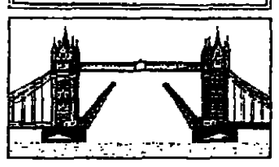
Roger Carr, the chief executive, says Williams is still "hungry for acquisitions" — just as well that he said it. These will be in the two chosen areas. The level of debt, gearing now at 90 per cent, should require matching disposals to fund them. Williams believes that interest cover, a better measure of what it can afford, would allow as much as £300 million to be spent before any disposals. These will come eventually, and among those well-known and readily saleable building products.

Thus do the leopards, imperceptibly, change their spots. Expect much more talk of focus as the process continues. And just wait for the tide to change, conglomerates to come back into fashion, and all the leopards' spots to start to fade again.

Kepit in the family

☐ INVESTORS in Kepit, or those who are not heartily sick of the whole affair by now, might ponder Hilaire Belloc's lines on an election:

PENNINGTON



"The accursed power which stands on Privilege/(And goes with Women, and Champagne, and Bridge)/ Broke," he wrote, "and Democracy resumed her reign/ (Which goes with Bridge, and Women and Champagne)".

Plus ça change, in other words. Kleinwort Benson, whose record with the Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust has been much criticised, has been on a beauty parade in recent weeks. The independent board of directors have been casting around for alternative managers, spurred by a hostile bid from one such, Touche Remnant. They have reached a decision, and the winner is ... Kleinwort Benson, in alliance with another City heavyweight, M&G. Investors have three options, and can mix and match between them.

They can get their cash out as they wish via another Kleinwort trust. They can stay with Kleinwort through son-of-Kepit, a unit trust, so wiping out the discount to their proper value the investment trust's shares are trading at.

Or they can throw in their luck with M&G, investing in a more widely spread European unit trust and hoping for a better performance from this in future. Kleinwort would clearly hope they would stay with its own vehicle, which will retain some of the original Kepit securities, and is forecasting a significant upturn for these.

Just two reservations. First, the attraction of unit trusts has, how should one put it, dimmed over the past fortnight; no fault of Kleinwort but look rather to another German-owned City institution. Secondly, there is no indication what other offers were made. Kleinwort says its scheme is less expensive than Touche Remnant's. But investors should wait on further details towards the middle of this month, which should contain some idea what other plans were laid before the independent directors.

Not much Spring in the Ram's step

☐ THREE years ago, when the institutional shareholders ousted Spring Ram's founder, Bill Rooney, and installed Roger Regan as chairman, Mr Regan said it would take three years to turn around the ailing kitchens and bathrooms group. Well, time's up. The bad news is that Spring Ram has just recorded a half-year loss of more than £20 million. The good news is that all should be fine within 18 months.

While it would be unfair to characterise Mr Regan as the company doctor who killed the patient, his remedial treatment at Spring Ram seems to have moved it from the sick bay to the intensive care ward. The company has seen more than £100 million of losses since he took the helm and continuing operations were trading in the red in the first half. And the shares stand at around a quarter of the price they commanded on the day of his appointment.

Yesterday he was being upbeat. July sales showed a slight rise; the takeover of Texas DIY by Homebase had not had too much of an effect; Stag Furniture should be sold by the end of the year; the core businesses of kitchens and bathrooms should break even in the second half; and, if all goes to plan, Spring Ram could make £5 million next year. This compares with the £21 million in the last year of Bill Rooney. And the institutions kicked him out for that.

Replacing Rooney looked at the time like a positive move. But shareholders can be forgiven now for feeling like the Russian voter who looks at Boris Yeltsin and wonders if the Communists weren't so bad after all.

Bitter lemon

☐ MATTHEW CLARK has lost a third of its stock market value after a profits warning that blamed the new breed of alcoholic lemonades. Will this become the next catch-all excuse for underperformance by the drinks companies, in the same way that every duff leisure company has blamed the National Lottery? This could be the start of a trend even more invidious than those wretched alcopops themselves.

More jobs to go as Courtaulds Textiles reshapes

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

COURTAULDS TEXTILES, a leading supplier to Marks & Spencer, is to shift more of its production abroad and will cut at least 1,500 UK jobs, equal to 11 per cent of its British workforce, over the next two years.

The company, which yesterday reported it had gone into the red with an interim loss after exceptionals of £8.5 million, compared with a profit of £6.4 million a year ago, has sold six businesses in recent months, and plans to dispose of a further six. So far this year, it has cut more than 700 jobs in the UK.

Colin Dyer, chief executive since June, declined to say which UK factories are now under threat of closure. More production will be moved to countries with lower labour costs, such as Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey and Sri Lanka. He said that a minimum wage would accelerate the loss of jobs in the UK textiles sector.

Government figures due out today are expected to show a decline in the number of unemployed in August, but later this month British Airways is widely expected to announce plans to shed around 10,000 jobs, equal to a quarter of its workforce.

Mr Dyer surprised the City yesterday by announcing that restructuring will cost between £30 million and £35 million over the next two years, including £9.1 million charged in the first half of this year. Excluding this charge, Courtaulds made an interim pre-tax profit of £600,000, compared with £10.3 million a year earlier.

Most of the remaining £21 million to £26 million cost of restructuring will be charged in the second half and analysts expect it to wipe out most of the profits for the full year. They were expecting a much lower restructuring charge.

Courtaulds Textiles says it will fund the programme with cash raised from disposals. Annual benefits are expected to build to between £10 million and £13 million by 1998. In the years after the programme, reorganisation costs are expected to be around £2 million to £3 million per year.

The company's structure has been reorganised into four divisions: lace and stretch fabric; lingerie and hosiery; casualwear and underwear; and furnishings.

Fabrics fared worst in the first half, with profit before interest down £8.2 million, because of weak demand in the US and in continental European lace. Operating priorities are to resolve the problems in lace and improve margins.

In clothing, profit was similar to last year, excluding reorganisation costs. Order books indicate better second-half sales than a year ago.

Mr Dyer intends to develop sales to the company's biggest buyer, Marks & Spencer. It currently accounts for 28 per cent of its sales. He expects good progress in clothing and stretch fabrics but says lace margins remain a problem.

Earnings per share of 8.1p a year ago turned into losses per share of 3.7p for the six months ended June 30. The company is maintaining its interim dividend at 5.2p. It is payable on October 22. The company's shares closed up 5½p at 310½p.

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European Leisure rises 30%

A maiden contribution from Riley's American Pool helped European Leisure to achieve a 30 per cent rise in full-year profits at £5.4 million.

The company said that its Maygay gaming machine division had also benefited from deregulation measures introduced at the beginning of the year.

Turnover rose 12 per cent to £77 million. There is again no interim dividend. The shares fell 26p to 176½p after the company said it would place its banking syndicate equity and raise new funds for expansion.

S-R cash pile

Severfield-Reeve, the structural steel company, had net cash of £3.46 million at June 30, up from £2.51 million. The company said demand remained high. In the six months to June 30 pre-tax profits rose to £1.8 million from £891,000. The interim dividend is increased to 1.75p a share from 1p, due October 28.

Middlesex up

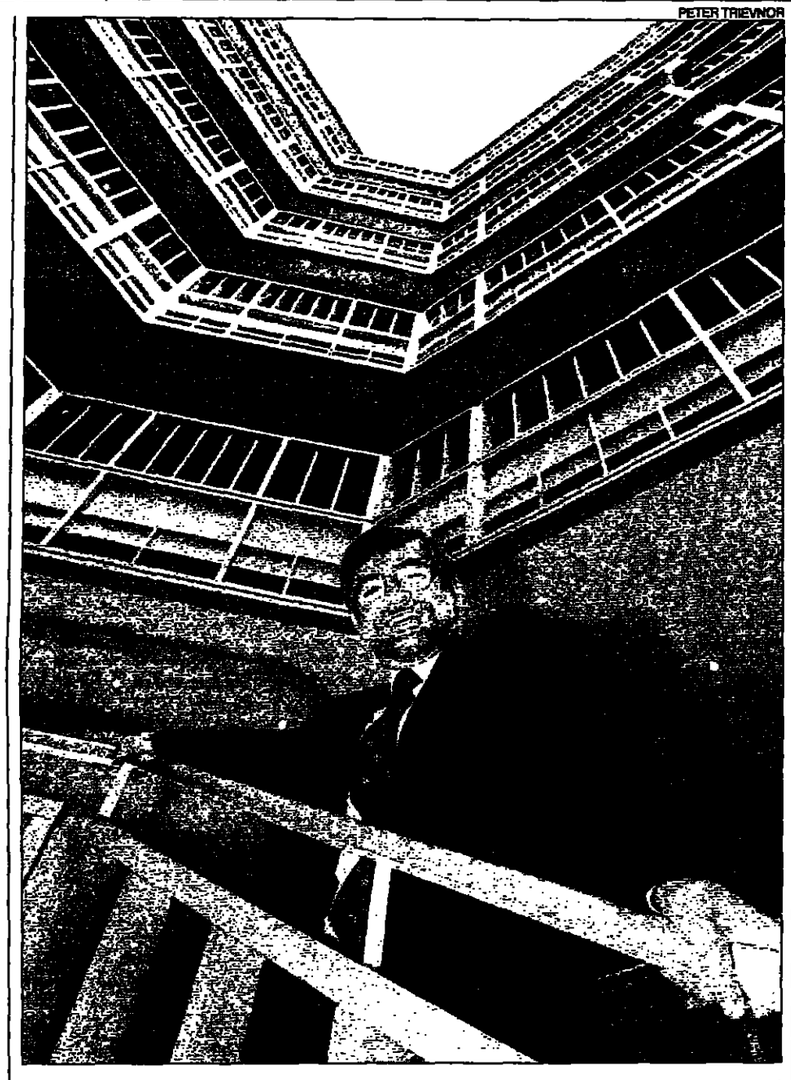
Middlesex Holdings, the minerals trading company, increased profits to £4.56 million before tax from £2.45 million in the six months to June 30. Turnover improved to £87.9 million from £17.4 million. There is again no interim dividend.

GBE ahead

GBE International, the process engineering group, said second-half prospects are encouraging, with a strong order book. In the six months to June 30 pre-tax profits rose to £1.48 million from £864,000. The interim dividend is increased 20 per cent to 0.6p a share.

Payout held

Scruttons, the shipping, engineering and security services group, is maintaining the interim dividend at 0.6p a share despite an increase in pre-tax profits to £970,000 from £698,000 in the six months to June 30.



PETER TRIEVNOR

Towards 2000: Parity, the information technology company, expects expenditure on IT to rise sharply as companies make efforts to contend with the so-called millennium factor (Martin Barrow writes). The company said clients risk incurring substantial costs if they do not act promptly to reprogram computers to prevent systems from malfunctioning because they may not recognise the 00 date suffix. Paul Davies, Parity chief executive, above, also said the company was well-placed to benefit from the trend to self-employment and home working. Parity increased pre-tax profits to £4.3 million from £3.07 million for the six months to June 30. Earnings were 6.75p a share (4.82p). The interim dividend is 1.4p (1p).

Refocusing at Williams may lead to disposals

BY PAUL DURMAN

WILLIAMS HOLDINGS yesterday revealed that this year's £223 million acquisition spree has led to a substantial rise in its debt-equity ratio, prompting suggestions that the company may seek to sell parts of its building products division. (See Pennington this page).

Williams is keen to distance itself from its conglomerate past and is focusing on international businesses in fire protection, security and building products.

Zafar Khan, analyst at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, said businesses in the UK such as Valor gas fires, Dreamland electric blankets, Larch-Lap fencing panels and Smallbone luxury kitchens looked out of place and could be candidates for disposal.

Roger Carr, Williams' chief executive, said he was comfortable with gearing that rose from under 20 per cent at the beginning of the year to 107 per cent at June 30. Borrowings rose to £370.9 million, but gearing was also pushed up by a £155 million fall in net assets.

Mr Carr said Williams's interest payments remained well covered at nine times and the group is strongly cash generative. The recent sale of the group's electronics business also brought in £71 million. Mr Carr added: "Our appetite for acquisitions is not diluted. The more our management teams become deeply entrenched in the industries where they now operate, the more they discover opportunities."

Williams was reporting an 11.4 per cent rise in first-half pre-tax profits to £114.9 million. Good progress in fire protection and security enabled the company to overcome the problems of weak building markets in continental Europe.

Williams is expecting similar trading conditions for the rest of the year. Analysts are forecasting full-year profits of around £245 million.

Building products is the biggest business, with sales of £438 million in the first half. An increased number of housing starts in the US helped to produce a £3.7 million rise in North American profits to £22.9 million, but the contribution from the European arm fell back to £38.9 million (£40.6 million). The economic problems of France and Germany depressed sales.

The fire protection division based on Kidde International has virtually doubled in size through acquisitions in the past year. Its profits rose by 28.6 per cent to £40.5 million, with 8 or 9 per cent of the improvement coming from organic growth.

Williams is paying an interim dividend of 5.8p a share, a 5.5 per cent rise.

AEA float attracts 'very strong private interest'

BY PAUL DURMAN

SHARES in AEA Technology, the nuclear decommissioning and waste management experts, are being offered at between 240p and 270p, giving the company an expected market value of up to £216 million.

The company, until recently part of the Atomic Energy Authority, is the Government's last privatisation before the general election. Only 10 per cent of its shares are earmarked for private investors. Sir Anthony Cleaver, AEA Technology's chairman, said there appears to be "very strong interest" from private investors, judging from presentations the company has made to stockbrokers.

Sir Anthony said investors have been keen to learn more about some of the more colourful applications of the company's technology. These include developing high performance batteries for mobile phones and helping with the clean-up of Chernobyl after the nuclear accident in the 1980s. Just over half of AEA Technology's £250-million-a-year business is nuclear-related. It employs 600 PhDs "in every discipline from astrophysics to zoology".

After adjusting for reorganisation and other costs, the indicated price range puts AEA Technology's shares on a historic price-earnings multiple of between 15.1 and 17 times. At 240p, the company would be worth £192 million.

Delta's chief executive departs as profits tumble

BY OLIVER AUGUST

DELTA, the engineering group, yesterday disclosed a sharp fall in first-half profits and announced the departure of Robert Easton as chief executive.

The company reported a downturn in profits to £11.5 million before tax in the six months to June 30, from £35 million previously, affected by restructuring costs and a £5.7 million charge against a decline in the price of copper in the wake of the Sumitomo copper scandal earlier this year. Mr Easton, who has been with Delta for 22 years and was made chief executive in 1989, had asked to retire last Christmas. He will be succeeded by Jon Scott-Maxwell, 44, a divisional managing director of GKN's Automotive Driveline business.

Despite a fall in earnings to 1.8p a share from 14.5p, the company is maintaing the interim dividend at 4.5p. The shares rose 24p to 401½p. Mr Easton said trading conditions had remained generally difficult during the first six months, similar to those of the second half of 1995.

Weak construction-related markets in the UK were coupled with a sharp downturn in continental Europe. Activity in other overseas markets remained at reasonable levels, with the exception of the Middle East.

Restructuring cost a total of £5 million.

Rexam in £300m sales plan

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

REXAM, the paper and packaging group, plans to raise up to £300 million from disposals as it continues its recovery after last year's dismal performance.

The company, which lost its FT-SE 100 place earlier this year after a 40 per cent decline in share value, yesterday reported a 25 per cent fall in half-year profits to £83 million before tax and exceptional items. A 6.1p interim dividend (same) is due on November 8.

Jeremy Lancaster, chairman, said that the group had shown an improvement over the second half of last year, when profits plummeted because of extreme volatility in raw material prices.

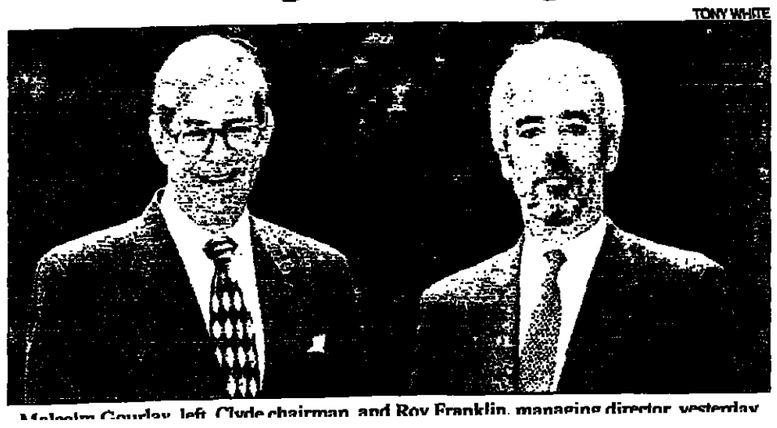
He added that although profits for the first two months of the second half were ahead of last year, markets in Europe were still flat and the company is cautious about the outlook for the second half.

Ralph Boerjesson, the new chief executive, said Rexam would dispose of low-margin, underperforming divisions and concentrate on improving the return on assets in remaining divisions.

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Cash gusher gives Clyde Petroleum a lift

TONY WHITE



Malcolm Gourlay, left, Clyde chairman, and Roy Franklin, managing director, yesterday

BY CARL MORTISHED

CLYDE PETROLEUM, the oil exploration group that took over Crusader, an Australian oil explorer in May, is enjoying a cash flow surge because of increased production and higher oil prices.

Oil production volumes averaged 39,153 barrels per day in the first half of the year, up from 37,618 bpd in the same period in 1995. Realised oil prices were up almost £2 per barrel, to £12.13, leading to a 24 per cent increase in pre-tax profits, to £24 million.

Clyde expects production for the year to average 42,000 bpd, including 45,000 bpd in the second half, with a 12 per cent contribution from the new Australian assets.

The surge in production was helped by Clyde's 6.6 per cent interest in the Andrew field in the North Sea, which came on stream six months early and 22 per cent below its budgeted development cost. Clyde's new Indonesian production interests provided 18 per cent of total oil volumes, contributing 1.3 million barrels for Clyde in the five months of ownership.

Clyde said that it was well ahead of its target of increasing production by 5 per cent a year. Exploration in the UK included participation in five wells, all of which were plugged and abandoned. Clyde plans three exploration wells next year in Indonesia, where tax incentives let the company set off its investment in exploration as a cost under its production-sharing contract.

Cash flow from operations was £56 million in the first half. Earnings per share fell to 2.8p, from 3.2p, because of a higher provision for overseas taxes, but the interim dividend

STOCK MARKET



MICHAEL CLARK

LucasVarity heads for top 100 in place of Thorn

LUCASVARITY, the subject of a £3.2 billion merger between Lucas Industries and Varity Corporation of the US, will take its place later this month as a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index. It is likely to replace **Thorn**, which was demerged from EMI last month.

Since the demerger Thorn has steadily lost ground. It finished another 14p cheaper at 369p yesterday while LucasVarity added 1½p at 239½p. The constituent companies are reviewed every quarter by the actuaries which are due to meet any day now.

Entry is judged on the company's stock market capitalisation. At last night's close Thorn was valued at £1.65 billion.

Another company facing the chop is **Southern Electric**, 3p dearer at 674½p, which saw a bid by National Power earlier this year blocked by the Government. Both British Land and **Rexam** are also seen as likely contenders for index status. Rexam breathed a sigh of relief yesterday that half-year figures were no worse than feared. The shares finished 14p better at 408½p.

Elsewhere, share prices failed to maintain their early pace, having enjoyed a mark-up on the back of another strong performance by the Dow Jones overnight.

As part of an assault on the 4,000 level, the FT-SE 100 index reached a new intra-day trading high of 3,933.6 before seeing its lead whittled away before the close after New York registered an opening fall. It ended the session 5.3 points up at 3,916.1. Trading remained thin, with 723 million shares changing hands.

Among blue chips **BT** eased 2p to 370p after announcing plans to cut the cost of telephone charges. National call charges will be reduced by 10 per cent during peak times and 20 per cent during off-peak. The cuts will also affect international calls. BT says the price reductions amount to savings totalling £214 million and bring total reductions during the past three years to £1.5 billion.

Matthew Clark, the drinks distributor, saw its shares marked sharply lower after warning that profits had been hit by the introduction of "alcopop" drinks. Shareholders at the annual meeting were told that this had hit sales of its strong branded drinks like "K" and Diamond White by as much as 60 per cent. The introduction of cheap cider products had also taken its toll on profits. The shares finished the session 239p lower at 431p, wiping around £200 million from the group's stock market value of £592 million. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, responded by cutting its profit forecast for Matthew Clark from £67.5 million to £52.5 million. The move left **HP Bulmer** 20p lower at 560p.



Severfield-Reeve, steelworkers, dipped 9p on profit-taking

Asda traded in narrow limits for much of the day before finishing 1p firmer at 109p on turnover of more than four million shares. Brokers will be anxious to see what Archie Norman has to say to shareholders later today at the group's AGM. They will want to see if he has comments about the supermarket price war. **Tesco**, 4p better at 311p, has embarked on a programme of price promotions on about 100 selected lines fuelling fears that the price war is ready to escalate in the run-up to Christmas.

The City showed what it thought of worse than expected half-year figures from **Graham Group** by marking the shares 16p lower at 137p. Pre-tax profits of £4 million were below even the most gloomy broker's forecast. Brokers said the group had suffered from fierce competition in a depressed market and was paying the price of under-investment during its time as a subsidiary of **BTR**. It was demerged from BTR in 1994. BTR, which unveils interim figures on Thursday, firmed 1p to 268p. The figures are expected to be accompanied by a cut in the dividend.

Unilever rose 6½p to £13.46½p after talking to a number of US fund managers about prospects.

Delta Group responded to some encouraging words on current trading with a rise of 24½p at 402p. This was in spite of the expected drop in pre-tax profits during the first six months of the year from £35 million to £11.1 million.

A pledge by Alan Sugar, chairman, of better times to come enabled **Amstrad** to finish 16½p dearer at 155p. It came after the group plunged into the red last year with losses of almost £15 million after heavy restructuring. He said that Viglen and Betacom would return to profit next year and hoped Dancall could stem losses.

Half-year losses at **Courtaulds Textiles** failed to cloud the picture for brokers as the price rebounded 5½p to 310½p. A pre-tax deficit of £8.5 million came as a shock to the market. It followed a heavy restructuring programme reputed to have cost £35 million and resulting in 15,000 jobs moving overseas.

First-half losses totalling almost £20 million against a profit last time of £4.3 million left **Cape**, manufacturer of fire protection products, marking time at 155p.

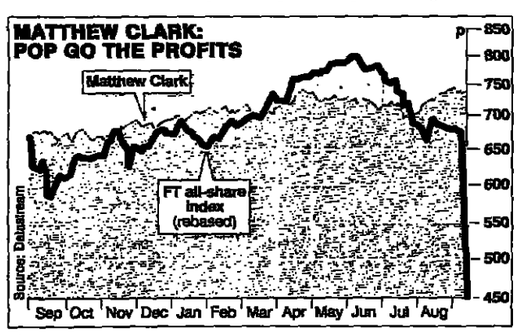
Profit-taking saw **Severfield-Reeve**, structural steel engineers, nursing a fall of 9p from a peak of 301½p to finish at 292½p, after the group weighed in with half-year figures showing pre-tax profits doubled at £1.8 million.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** A sell-off of US Treasury bonds saw bond prices in London lose their early gains to close broadly unchanged. The market was not helped by comments from Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, who said he saw no reason for another cut in interest rates. In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt ended all-square at £106$^{17}/_{32}$ in thin trading. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 was unmoved, at £97$^{29}/_{32}$, while at the shorter end Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998 marked time at £101$^{9}/_{16}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** On Wall Street early losses due to profit-taking were largely recouped and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 4.07 points lower at 5,729.77.

Cable and Wireless was in town last night so that City stockbrokers could meet Dick Brown, the new chief executive. The group's failure to merge with BT has left it with plenty of problems and the brokers will want to know how he plans to tackle them. The shares closed 8p dearer at 433p in anticipation.

MATTHEW CLARK: POP GO THE PROFITS



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):		
Dow Jones	5729.77	(-4.07)
S&P Composite	664.07	(+0.31)
Tokyo:		
Nikkei Average	20559.59	(+357.32)
Hong Kong:		
Hang Seng	11223.62	(+11.02)
Amsterdam:		
EOE Index	562.26	(+0.62)
Sydney:		
AO	2255.9	(+5.1)
Frankfurt:		
DAX	2570.95	(+22.22)
Singapore:		
Straits	2111.68	(+13.23)
Brussels:		
General	9647.72	(+45.71)
Paris:		
CAC-40	2042.12	(+21.82)
Zurich:		
SKA Gen	773.10	(+1.30)
London:		
FT 30	2831.2	(+6.5)
FT 100	3916.1	(+5.3)
FT-SE Mid 250	4436.3	(+13.9)
FT-SE-A 350	1959.5	(+3.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1666.48	(+11.91)
FT A All-Share	1936.02	(+3.35)
FT Non Financials	2042.91	(+1.55)
FT Fixed Interest	113.07	(+0.11)
FT Gov Secs	92.76	(+0.07)
Bargains	39819	
SEAQ Volume	729.0m	
USM (Datastrm)	208.79	(+0.92)
US$	1.5565	(-0.0036)
German Mark	2.3470	(+0.0200)
Exchange Index	86.1	(+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)		
£/ECU	1.2250	
£/SDR	1.0731	
RPI	152.4 Jul (2.2%) Jan 1987=100	
RPIX	151.9 Jul (2.8%) Jan 1987=100	

RECENT ISSUES

Amer Opps U Ln	100	...
Barbican Health	64½	...
Dairy Crest Gp	188½	– 2½
Dentmaster Hldgs	4	...
Electronic Retail	241	...
Fayrewood	47½	...
Gabriel Trust (16)	20	+ 1
Hambros Smlr Asn C	65	...
Hoare Govett 1000 C	97½	...
Life Numbers	12	...
Life Numbers Wts	5	...
Pembertone Wrts	7	...
Polydoc	69½	...
Schrod Em Cntrs C	368½	...
Schrod Emg Cou Wts	38½	...
Schrod Emg Countrs	92½	+ ½
Selector	68	...
St James Place Cptl	87½	...
Value Realisation	71	– ½
Walker, Crips, Wddle	70½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bath Press n/p (14)	1¼	...
Ronson n/p (25)	2	...
Stagecoach n/p (410)	123	+ ½
Traffcmstr n/p (290)	39½	– ½
Wyko Group n/p (123)	15½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Delta	402p (+24½p)
Danka Bs Sys	590p (+30p)
Travis Perkins	470p (+19½p)
REXAM	408½p (+14p)
Redland	467½p (+15p)
Utd Friendly	828p (+23½p)
Forth Ports	585p (+15p)
Laporte	755p (+14p)
Dudley Jenkins	168p (+10p)
JBA Hldgs	511p (+19½p)
S & U	428p (+11½p)
More O'Ferrall	676p (+15p)

FALLS:

Euro Leisure	176½p (-26p)
Scotia	691½p (-42p)
Cortecs	281½p (-9p)
Kingfisher	665p (-15p)
Celltech	527½p (-10p)
Smithkline	751½p (-13p)
Graham Gp	137p (-16p)
Thorn	369p (-14p)

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TEMPUS

More exotic rags

COURTAULDS Textiles has a lot of catching up to do. The size of its restructuring charge gives an indication of how large the problem and how late the solution. Courtaulds was less than helpful in identifying how the £35 million charge was to be spent, although we are told the cash element will be self-financing.

Courtaulds faces two difficulties: a poor market for lace and the continuing problem (faced by all in the rag trade) of the high cost of domestic production. Yesterday, the new chief executive decided to take on the lot. He may have had little choice as the company has been delaying action for some time. Taking into account the exceptional gain from selling the Arab head shawl business, the restructuring charge looks more like £40 million.

Coyness about where the costs will fall reflects the sensitive issue of exporting jobs. The sudden rush to build plants in Morocco and Thailand suggests that UK manufacturers have not only had to win the hearts and minds of managers but also convince major customers. Hitherto, Marks & Spencer, has prided itself on its policy of sourcing in the UK but even Britain's favourite retailer knows a good value shirt when it sees one. At a minimum, Courtaulds needs to restore itself to earning £50 million from its £1 billion of sales. However, a 5 per cent margin looks meagre compared with rivals, such as Dewhirst which earns 7-8 per cent. If Courtaulds cannot improve its margins, it must shrink, shedding more businesses to improve its return on investment. That may disturb relationships with big customers but the alternative is for Courtaulds to lose its investors.

RJB Mining

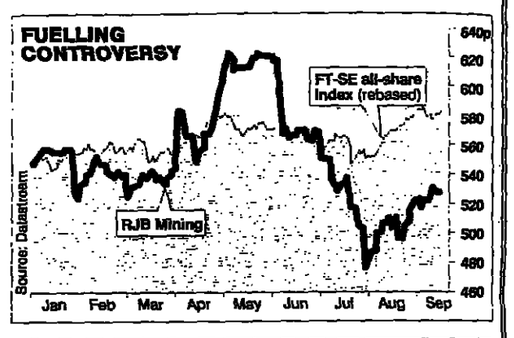
RJB MINING's chief executive is either very clever or very foolish. The track record of Richard Budge, the self-styled saviour of British mining, shows little evidence of madness but he insists on adopting a view of the energy market totally at odds with the prevailing wisdom.

He appears baffled by the army of analysts and their forecasts which he believes continually underestimate the prospects for RJB Mining. The City establishment forecast 1.5 per cent growth in the demand for coal, a figure two years out of date, he says. Mr Budge prefers a more bullish 5.8 per cent.

When the City predicted that older mines would have to close if RJB opened a new one, as it did yesterday, the chief executive bluntly dismissed the sceptics as crystal ball-gazers. In short, he believes Britain will need more coal in the future, not less.

So far Mr Budge has confounded his critics. RJB resurrected British Coal's business and its success has been an irritation to the doubters. But having repaid acquisition debts RJB has to prove that it can compete with both foreign coal producers and the gas sector. Gas is less of an immediate problem than the overseas coal, which is available at a 15 per cent discount. RJB has long-term contracts with power stations which expire in 1998 when it may face the choice of losing margin or customers. Crystal ball-gazing? Perhaps, but investors are a nervous bunch.

FUELLING CONTROVERSY



Rexam

REXAM, the paper and packaging group, has come down to earth with a bump. After a record first six months in 1995, the company slumped after a dismal second-half performance and suffered the added ignominy of falling out of the FT-SE 100 in June.

But under its new chief executive, the company is showing renewed signs of life. Rexam has already divested itself of £200 million of businesses and has promised to dispose of a further £300 million of low margin, underperforming assets.

That will strengthen Rexam's balance sheet allowing faster expansion when the company judges the market is right. For the moment, however, Rexam is stressing consolidation, ensuring that its existing assets are generating adequate returns in difficult market conditions. The managerial shake-up, with the focus shifted from regions to business type, should help the process.

Rexam's health will always partly depend on raw material prices but for the time being these are unlikely to cause difficulty and the new management team should be able to make a fresh start.

Amstrad

WHAT is Amstrad? It's not a consumer electronics company: it has hived that business off to Betacom. It is not a high technology company, because for all Alan Sugar might claim about mobile phonemaker Dancall, neither it nor the PC-maker Viglen are yet seen as state-of-the-art manufacturers. Maybe it is a bank. It has cash of £107 million, three-fifths of its market value, and net interest is the only positive thing in its profit and loss account.

Despite Sugar's attempts to sell the company to Psion, a deal which fell apart two months ago, Amstrad's founder says he is not tiring of his problem child. He sees great potential in Dancall and just wishes the market understood the business better. He wants to give his cash pile back to shareholders. But he is waiting for the outcome of the £100 million legal action against US group Seagate before he puts his advisors' minds to dreaming up a tax efficient way of distributing the money.

Investors still holding Amstrad shares may be amazed to find that they are still listed. Sugar tried to take the company private. Subsequently, Psion said it might offer over 200p a share and then changed its mind. The price may have jumped over 10 per cent to 155p yesterday, but it stands at little more than Sugar's offer price of four years ago. Sugar has long talked of jam tomorrow. But his current prediction is backed up by cash today, and for once he just might be right.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	975-900	Dec	1057-1055
Dec	976-975	Mar	1089-1067
Mar	996-995	May	1078-1072
May	1009-1008	Jul	1088-1082
Jul	1026-1025		
Sep	1043-1039	Volume: 1464	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1613-1605	May	1457-1451
Nov	1553-1551	Jul	1453-1445
Jan	1505-1503	Sep	1450-1430
Mar	1470-1465	Volume: 2684	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	341.4-40.7
Spot: 358.2		Aug	340.3-39.6
Oct	349.4-49.2	Oct	329.2-28.1
Dec	346.4-46.2	Dec	330.1-29.1
Mar	343.9-43.5	Volume: 3183	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average livestock prices at representative markets on September 9

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	111.85	80.61	95.87
(+/-)	+3.34	+11.50	+0.65
Eng/Wales:	112.00	123.58	95.64
(+/-)	+3.49	-1.60	+0.78
(%)	+5.0	+9.0	+18.8
Scotland:	108.26	126.42	98.19
(+/-)	-0.16	+5.16	-0.16
(%)	+2.0	n/c	-5.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	22.60	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Oct)	22.75	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Nov)	22.10	+0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	24.00	+0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	23.35	+0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	215 (-3)	219 (-3)
Gasoil EEC	220 (+1)	222 (unch)
3.5 Fuel Oil	114 (+5)	115 (+4)
Naphtha	203 (+3)	205 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Sep	217.50 SLR	Dec	300.00 BID
Oct	211.50-11.75	Jan	194.50-95.00
Nov	205.75-06.00	Vol: 23221	

BRENT ($.00pm)

Oct	22.75-22.77	Jan	20.96 SLR
Nov	22.14-22.15	Feb	20.40 SLR
Dec	21.57 SLR	Vol: 42579	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	104.15	Sep	98.65
Nov	106.10	Nov	100.45
Jan	107.90	Jan	102.25
Mar	109.75	Mar	104.50
May	111.50	May	107.00
Volume: 394		Volume: 122	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	60.0
Mar		75.0
Apr	69.5	69.3
	Volume: 74	

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Oct 89.50-90.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 96	1082	1075	1082
Oct 96	1190	1173	1185
Nov 96	1235	1223	1230
Jan 97	1250	1243	1246
Vol: 358 lots		Open interest: 3566	
	Index 1051 -5		

(Official) (Volume prev day) — **LONDON METAL EXCHANGE** — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash: 1936.0-1937.0	3mth: 1924.0-1925.0	Vol: 1450150
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	$10.00-810.50	812.00-812.50	149475
Lead ($/tonne)	996.00-997.00	1023.0-1024.0	336325
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	6175.0-6180.0	6238.0-6230.0	22780
Tin ($/tonne)	1426.0-1427.0	1463.0-1464.0	1544575
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	7480.0-7485.0	7585.0-7595.0	77298
Nickel ($/tonne)			

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Sep 96	3938.0	3942.0	3913.0	3920.0	17871
Previous open interest: 64492	Dec 96	3958.0	3963.5	3939.0	3945.0	4690
FT-SE 250	Sep 96				4440.0	0
Previous open interest: 3890	Dec 96				4475.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Sep 96	94.18	94.19	94.17	94.18	6707
Previous open interest: 475575	Dec 96	94.20	94.21	94.18	94.19	10305
	Mar 97	94.01	94.03	93.99	94.00	9404
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96	99.28	99.28	99.27	99.27	105
	Mar 97	99.10	99.10	99.08	99.08	400
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 96	96.85	96.86	96.83	96.84	22293
Previous open interest: 1104113	Dec 96	96.78	96.79	96.75	96.76	25533
Long Gilt	Sep 96	107-12	107-14	107-07	107-08	5194
Previous open interest: 136205	Dec 96	106-22	106-26	106-15	106-17	41439
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	121.25	121.32	121.18	121.20	1990
	Mar 97				120.10	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 96	96.99	97.05	96.80	96.84	125434
Previous open interest: 190954	Mar 97	96.00	96.00	96.00	95.86	173
Three month ECU	Sep 96	95.71	95.71	95.69	95.71	588
Previous open interest: 26846	Dec 96	95.70	95.71	95.68	95.69	1199
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 96	97.86	97.87	97.84	97.85	4157
Previous open interest: 84668	Dec 96	97.84	97.86	97.81	97.82	6209
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 96	116.60	116.77	116.41	116.51	51149
Previous open interest: 59839	Mar 97				116.01	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: Overnight high: 5¾ Low 5 Week fixed: 5¹³/₁₆

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾ ; 3 mth 5¾ . Sell: 2 mth 5¾ ; 3 mth: 5¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹³/₁₆-5½	5¹³/₁₆-5½	5¹³/₁₆-5¾	5¹³/₁₆-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¼-5¹³/₁₆	5¼-5¹³/₁₆	5¼-5¹³/₁₆	5¹³/₁₆-5¾	6¼-6
Interbank:	5¼-5¹³/₁₆	5¼-5¹³/₁₆	5¼-5¹³/₁₆	5¹³/₁₆-5¾	6¼-6

Overnight: open 5¼, close 5 .

Local Authority Deps:	5¹³/₁₆	n/a	5¹³/₁₆	5¹³/₁₆	6
Sterling CDs:	5¼-5¹³/₁₆	5¼-5¹³/₁₆	5¼-5¹³/₁₆	5¼-5¹³/₁₆	5¹³/₁₆-5¹³/₁₆
Dollar CDs:	5.38	n/a	5.53	5.76	6.08
Building Society CDs:	5¼-5¹³/₁₆	5¹³/₁₆-5¹³/₁₆	5¹³/₁₆-5¹³/₁₆	5¹³/₁₆-5¹³/₁₆	6-5¹³/₁₆

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¼-4¼	5¼-5¼	5¼-5¼	5¼-5¼	5-4
Deutschemark:	3¼-2¼	3¼-3	3¼-3¼	3¼-3¼	3¼-2¼
French Franc:	3¼-3¼	3¼-3¼	3¼-3¼	3¼-3¼	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2-1¼	2¼-1¼	2¼-2¼	2¼-2¼	2¼-1¼
Yen:	¼-⅛	¼-⅛	¼-⅛	¼-⅛	(-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.30-382.60 Close: $383.30-383.70 High: $383.40-383.90
Low: $381.80-382.30 AM: $382.45 PM: $383.10

Krugerrand: $382.50-385.50 (£245.50-247.50)

Platinum: $393.25 (£252.40) Silver: $5.10 (£3.275) Palladium: $124.00 (£79.60)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 10	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6175-2.6309	2.6286-2.6309	¼-¼pr	2-1¾pr
Brussels	48.110-48.354	48.317-48.354	14-9pr	34-28pr
Copenhagen	8.9960-9.0508	9.0437-9.0508	1¼-1¼pr	4¼-3¾pr
Dublin	0.9635-0.9666	0.9652-0.9666	3pr-1ds	2pr-4ds
Frankfurt	2.3327-2.3483	2.3464-2.3483	¼-¼pr	1¼-1¼pr
Lisbon	238.58-240.26	239.99-240.26	¼-¼ds	¼-¼ds
Madrid	196.63-197.91	197.77-197.91	22-32ds	63-80ds
Milan	2365.4-2367.4	2364.6-2367.4	5-7ds	15-17ds
Montreal	2.1292-2.1347	2.1329-2.1345	0.33-0.28pr	0.64-0.56pr
New York	1.5540-1.5570	1.5563-1.5570	0.053-0.032pr	0.06-0.03pr
Oslo	10.014-10.074	10.065-10.074	¼-¼pr	¼-¼pr
Paris	7.9600-8.0115	8.0048-8.0115	1¼-1¼pr	4-3¼pr
Stockholm	10.398-10.468	10.451-10.468	¼-¼pr	¼-¼pr
Tokyo	169.94-171.18	170.96-171.18	¼-¼pr	2¼-2¼pr
Vienna	16.413-16.525	16.511-16.525	¼-¼pr	1¼-1¼pr
Zurich	1.9036-1.9209	1.9185-1.9209	¼-¼pr	1¼-1¼pr

Source: Extel — Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2509-1.2517
Austria	10.61-10.62
Belgium (Com)	31.05-31.09
Canada	1.3705-1.3710
Denmark	5.8164-5.8184
France	5.1477-5.1487
Germany	1.5080-1.5090
Hong Kong	7.7317-7.7327
Ireland	1.6107-1.6117
Italy	1519.86-1520.36
Japan	109.74-109.79
Malaysia	2.5030-2.5040
Netherlands	1.6896-1.6901
Norway	6.4650-6.4680
Portugal	154.26-154.36
Singapore	1.4055-1.4065
Spain	127.14-127.17
Sweden	6.7152-6.7227
Switzerland	1.2330-1.2340

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5559-1.5585
Australia dollar	1.9467-1.9486
Bahrain dinar	0.5815-0.5935
Brazil real*	1.5823-1.5865
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7125-0.7225
Finland markka	7.0075-7.1235
Greece drachma	368.6-375.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.0321-12.0414
India rupee	55.24-56.20
Indonesia rupiah	3626.0-3694.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4620-0.4720
Malaysia ringgit	3.8952-3.8992
New Zealand dollar	2.2305-2.2425
Pakistan rupee	57.39 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6100-5.7000
Singapore dollar	2.1872-2.1902
S Africa rand (com)	6.9470-7.0490
U A E dirham	5.6600-5.7840

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	1,200	Marks Spr	2,600
ASDA Gp	4,300	NatWst Bk	4,600
Abbey Nil	2,700	Nat Grid	1,800
Allied Dom	3,700	Nat Power	4,800
Argos	537	Next	1,800
Ass Foods	507	Orange	3,200
BAA	3,500	P & O	7,000
BAT Inds	7,400	Pearson	536
BOC	1,300	Pilkington	2,600
BP	4,900	PowerGen	1,800
BSkyB	1,900	Prudential	3,800
BTR	5,900	RMC	737
BT	4,900	RTZ	1,800
Bk of Scot	4,100	Railtrack	13,000
Barclays	2,500	Rank Org	2,700
Bass	1,800	Reckitt Col	1,600
Blue Circle	1,600	Redland	3,200
Boots	953	Reed Intl	845
BAe	998	Rentokil	4,700
BA	2,700	Reuters	4,400
Brit Gas	3,900	Rolls Royce	5,600
Brit Steel	5,600	Royal & Sun	4,500
Burmah Cstl	1,300	Royal Bk Sct	2,300
Burton	2,100	Safeway	2,500
Cable Wire	5,300	Sainsbury	2,100
Cadbury	2,000	Schroders	49
Carlton Cms	1,300	Scot & New	605
Cen Union	1,700	Scot Power	2,200
Courtaulds	2,600	Svrn Trent	467
Dixons	1,800	Shell Trans	2,800
EMI	1,900	Sibeg	1,500
Enterpr Oil	329	Smith Bch	3,400
GKN	488	Smith Nph	6,600
GRE	1,100	Smiths Inds	540
GUS	552	Sthern Elec	1,300
Gen Acc	834	Std Chartd	1,700
Gen Elec	4,800	TI Gp	581
Glaxo Well	3,800	Tate & Lyle	386
Granada	1,300	Tesco	3,900
Grand Met	8,200	Thames W	691
Guinness	1,800	Thorn	8,500
HSBC	1,100	Tomkins	4,100
Hanson	11,300	Unilever	1,100
ICI	2,300	Utd Utilities	1,400
Kingfisher	2,400	Utd News	698
LASMO	6,000	Vodafone	4,900
Ladbroke	5,400	Whitbread	510
Land Secs	1,700	Wtims Hld	6,400
Legal & Gn	534	Wolseley	3,200
Lloyds TSB	4,800	Zeneca	1,000

WALL STREET

	Sep 10 midday	Sep 9 close
AMP Inc	38¾	38¾
AMR Corp	80¾	79
ASA	39¾	39¾
AT & T	53¾	53¾
Abbott Labs	47	47
Advanced Micro	12½	12¾
Aetna Life	67¾	68
Ahmanson (H F)	26	25¾
Air Prod & Chem	56	55¾
AirTouch Comm	27½	27¾
Alberto-Culver B	41¼	41¼
Albertson's	41¼	41¼
Alcan Aluminum	31¼	31½
Alco Standard	45	44½
Allied Signal	63¾	63¾
Alum Co of Am	61¼	62¼
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	53	53
Amer Brands	41¼	41¼
Amer El Power	40¾	40¾
Amer Express	43¾	43¾
Amer Genl Corp	36¾	36¾
Amer Home Pr	61½	60¾
Amer Intl	96¾	97½
Amer Stores	39¾	40
Amer Standard	34¾	34½
Ameritech	57¾	57¾
Amoco	69¾	69¾
Anheuser-Busch	78¾	76¾
Apple Computer	21½	22
Archer Daniels	17½	18
Armco	4¾	4¾
Armstrng Wrld	63¾	63¾
Asarco	25½	25¾
Atl Richfield	121½	122
Auto Data Pro	42¾	42¾
Avery Dennison	52¾	52¾
Avon Products	49¾	49¾
Baker Hughes	30½	30¾
Baltim Gas & El	25¾	25¾
Banc One	39½	38¾
BankAmerica	81	79¾
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Bausch & Lomb	33½	33½
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Columbia Gas	58¾	58¾
ColumbiaHCA	58	58
Compaq Comp	58¾	58
Comp Ass Int	55¾	55¾
Conagra	43¾	43¾
Conrail	70	70¾
Cons Edison	26¾	26¾
Cons Nat Gas	35¾	35¾
Cooper Inds	40¾	40¾
Corestates	42¾	42¾
Corning Inc	37¾	37¾
Crown Cork	47	47¾
Data Corp	29¾	29¾
Dayton Hudson	74¾	74¾
Deere	42¾	42¾
Delta Air Lines	70	68¾
Deluxe Corp	37¾	38¾
Digital Equip	39¾	39¾
Dillard Dept St	32¾	33¾
Disney (Wlt)	58¾	58¾
Dominion Res	37¾	37¾
Donelley (RR)	33

Testing times ahead for single currency's architects

Janet Bush studies the schedule of EMU's promoters

Preparations for a European single currency may seem like a rather dull virtual reality game to many in Britain, but, on the Continent, hard decisions are already being made by those determined to join up in 1999. Even as Britain's political leaders carefully maintain enough ambiguity to avoid scaring voters come election time, the EMU clock is ticking.

The most public focus of the next few weeks will be budgets due to be unveiled by most of the major European economies for 1997, the test year written into the Maastricht treaty. A series of extremely tough austerity packages are in prospect after deficit overshoots almost everywhere in 1996: in France and Germany, the crucial twin pillars of the planned monetary union, borrowing is well above levels of *two* years ago.

In France, whose ability to meet the Maastricht deficit criteria is seen as the crucial arbiter of whether the single currency will happen in 1999, the public unions have already planned an autumn of strikes and protest marches against spending cuts that they see as an assault on the welfare state.

There has been much speculation, as the budget season gets under way, that European currencies could hit serious turbulence this autumn if financial markets are not convinced by the budget arithmetic or if political unrest looks as if it could threaten fiscal resolve.

However, this proposition is yet to be tested. There is ample evidence that the main players are prepared to fudge the Maastricht criteria enough to get a core of countries safely into the single currency on time, and the financial markets have done little to question the glaring compromises on the treaty.

This autumn will see how far the markets are prepared to accept slippage from the most troublesome of the Maastricht criteria, the one limiting deficits to 3 per cent of gross domestic product. Reality dictates that most of the prospective core will do well to get somewhere between 3 and 4 per cent on deficits and that even Germany will settle for that. And if the politicians decide to go ahead on that basis, it is arguable whether the markets will bother to challenge them.

Delivering budget cuts is the most pressing and concrete challenge because 1997 is crunch year. However, this autumn also sees a series of meetings that will discuss some of the thorniest issues that need to be resolved before EMU. They are not as pressing as getting fiscal houses in order, but some progress is seen to be needed if momentum is to be maintained.

A largely technical discussion will continue on a so-called ERM II. A two-tier Europe is now acknowledged as a reality. The assumption is that a relatively small core of countries will join a single currency in 1999, with the rest staying outside, either until their economies converge towards agreed criteria or until their politicians decide that they want to join. The "ins" are determined that the "outs" should not be allowed to indulge in competitive devaluations to the detriment of "ins" and want them to adhere to some form of exchange-rate discipline.

Thus far, a usefully meaningless formula has been reached in which there will be some form of Exchange Rate Mechanism II for the "outs", but the issue has been left loose enough that those who do not want to join an ERM II will not have to. Worthy work will nevertheless continue on designing the system, mostly in the European Monetary Institute, the precursor to a European central bank.

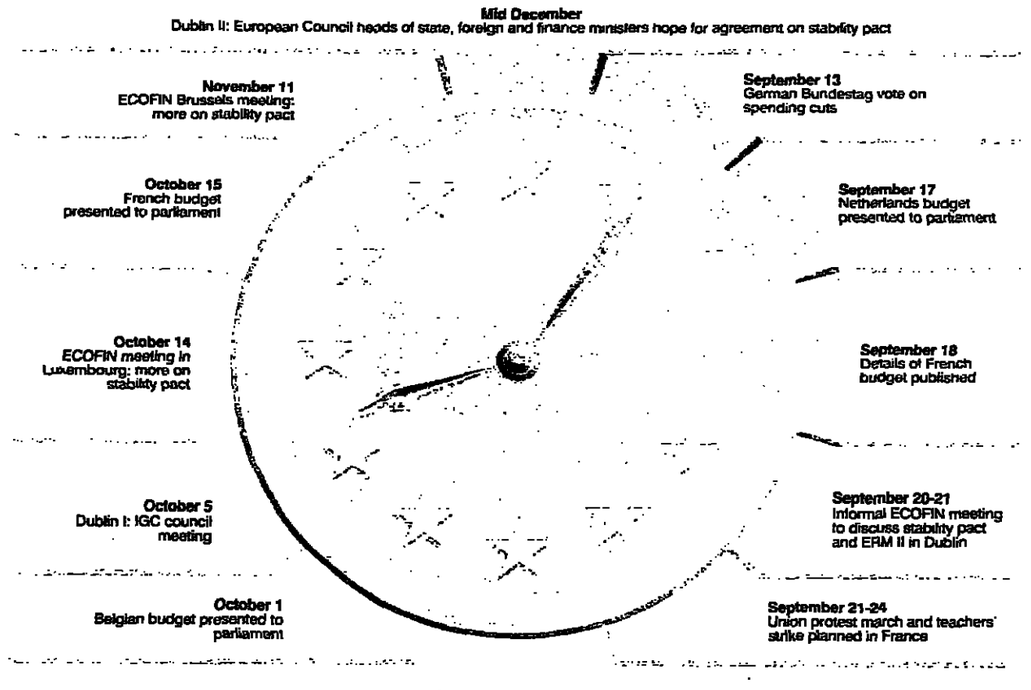
There will also be more discussion on access to Target, the new payments and settlements system proposed for the Euro. A row over this has been rumbling under the surface for some months amid allegations that France and Germany are trying to discriminate against the "outs", primarily Britain, in an attempt to wrest more financial and trading business from the City.

The most substantive issue of the next few months is the Stability Pact. In its original form, this was a proposal by Germany to impose discipline on members of EMU once the single currency is in place, fining members a proportion of their GDP if they allowed their deficits to drift out of line with the Maastricht limits.

This issue arguably becomes more important as interpretation of the Maastricht convergence criteria loosens, and yet there has been little discussion of it. Such talks as have occurred have been highly contentious, with a gulf in thinking between Germany and others. The Bundesbank, in particular, does not want to give up the traditionally strong and stable mark in favour of a Euro whose constituent members fudge economic convergence to join and then refuse to submit to collective discipline after the event.

The Irish Republic wants to mark its EU presidency with progress on this and other issues. The focus of all current discussions is the Dublin summit of heads of government, foreign and finance ministers in December, but it is likely that current discussions will go on well into 1997.

Britain is an important reason to prolong the discussion process. European leaders have already agreed that this year's inter-government conference — the umbrella term for the intensive timetable of meetings on EMU matters — will not end until after the British election. The hope is that a new government led by Tony Blair will be more amenable to signing up to EMU and that it is worth postponing decisions to get Britain on board. That, too, is a proposition yet to be tested.



Source: Chase Investment Bank, Salomon Brothers


ANTHONY HARRIS

The unanswered question about US growth

"Can any of you tell me why our economy cannot grow at 4 per cent?" President Clinton put this question to the Fed Board at an unofficial meeting when his new appointees joined. What none of them knew then was that the US economy was already growing at well above that rate — 4.8 per cent in the second quarter, on the revised figures. That short burst was absorbed without inflationary mishap; but the pace has slowed since then, so the question remains unanswered. Indeed, there is still a different question to be faced first: will the Fed allow growth to be put to the test, or lose its nerve if the rate picks up again?

The board is already split down the middle. The district presidents, who are practical men, close to industry but remote from technical economics, know that labour market pressures are growing, and they are audibly nervous. But Alan Greenspan, the Clinton appointees and the Fed's economic staff are excited by growing evidence that the restructured US economy is highly resistant to inflation. To pacify the district men, policy is now on red alert — a "tightening bias" means that interest rates can be raised in response to market pressures without waiting for a further FOMC meeting. But they remain reluctant to act unless they are pushed; and this week, the market signally failed to push them.

"Hey, guess what? The bond market thinks a strong economy is good for bonds! We're at risk here. The bond market is dead; it just doesn't know it yet." These words from Bob Brusca, of Nikko Securities, express the frustrations of a prophet justified, yet unheard. Like an inverted Roger Bootle, he has found that a good forecast can be a bad market pointer. Bootle detected falling UK inflation, but bond yields rose. Brusca hailed the strength of the US economy when many observers were still worried about recession. Nearly all of them would now agree that he was right all along; but yields have not risen.

Some analysts are convinced that growth will soon fall to a somnolent pace again. But some are toying with the Greenspan inflation thesis. This rests partly on recent experience, as one supposed inflation warning after another has been safely passed — unemployment below 6.5 per cent, below 6, and now well below 5.5; rising commodity prices (which soon relapsed); and now hourly wage costs rising at over 3.6 per cent. But it also rests on an informed suspicion that the official numbers not only overstate inflation — an old Greenspan thesis; they badly understate real growth.

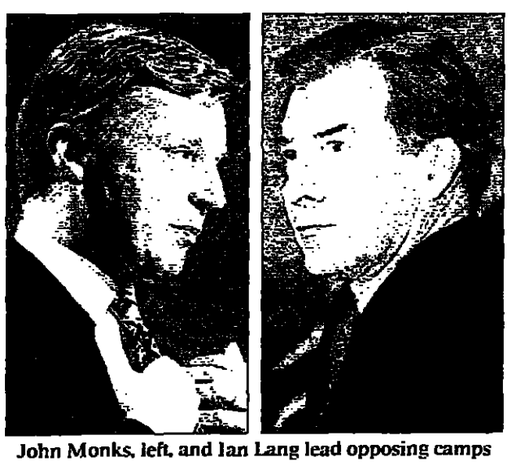
This rests on the known difficulties of measuring services and high-tech output. This could mean that the economy has been growing faster than Clinton's 4 per cent not just in the second quarter, but for some months. It could also be the clinching argument when the district presidents get nervous about labour markets. If growth is understated, productivity is understated by exactly the same amount; and so, by implication, is the manageable growth of wage costs.

Further, the regional breakdown shows that the US labour market is flexible not only in the bargaining sense; it is highly responsive to local pressures. Payroll growth has virtually stopped in the regions with the lowest unemployment, but is growing where the market is slack. This suggests that employers, instead of importing labour to meet local shortages, are expanding selectively where it is still available. Indeed, the US economy is notable not only for non-inflationary growth, but for achieving it during a massive structural change. This is flexibility with neon lights.

Wishful thinking? Perhaps; and certainly vulnerable to any significant pickup in inflation itself. Until then, though, the experiment with what Brusca dismisses as "X-files-like strange happenings" may well continue.

A combination that continues to stoke the political fires

Philip Bassett examines the link between the unions, pay and jobs


John Monks, left, and Ian Lang lead opposing camps

Ministers will today announce the latest unemployment figures, hours before Britain's trade unions set their preliminary target for a national minimum wage. Conservative ministers are unlikely to miss the chance to make the connection: minimum wages will cut jobs.

The Government is hopeful that today's set of labour market figures will show a further fall in the level of seasonally adjusted unemployment. Tony Blair, the Labour leader will through his aides seek to limit any damaging effect on Labour's electoral prospects of the unions setting a precise minimum wage figure in clear defiance of the party leadership's wishes. And the unions at the TUC conference, led by John Monks, the General Secretary, will this afternoon stage what John Edmonds, the GMB general union leader, calls an "indulgence" — debating a minimum wage policy when they know the reality is that, if Labour does win the election, it will be the Government, not the unions, that fixes its level.

But the uneasy combination of events today for Labour and the unions does illustrate the intertwining in the labour market of unions, pay and jobs. Under neo-classical economic theory, if unions push up wages, either through collective bargaining or a shift in public policy such as a minimum wage, companies affected by it will seek to recover their costs by cutting job numbers. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is certain to seize on today's minimum wage decision by the unions and accuse them of destroying jobs.

Labour and trade union leaders deny this, arguing that there is now clear evidence that a minimum wage in places such as US fast food establishments in New Jersey do not lead to job cuts — but may even have a positive effect on employment. What is the link between unions, pay and jobs? Do heavily unionised areas — geographically, or in sectors of the economy — show clear effects on employment, and pay? Or is the union effect harder to see? Today *The Times* publishes a computer analysis of data held by the Government on the vexed connection between unions, pay and jobs. Using detailed information from the Government's quarterly Labour Force Survey, a rolling survey of a sample of 60,000 households, *The Times* shows what may be connections between some of the key forces in the economy.

The geographical distribution of trade union membership used to be virtually a matter of guesswork but data from the Government-sponsored Workplace Industrial Relations Survey series, and latterly the LFS, now allows estimates to be made about where union members are — and what their effects might be. The computer analysis indicates that high levels of union density are associated with lower levels of employment growth. There may, of course, be a number of causal explanations for this including labour market and industrial structures, the changing pattern of industry and business and the demographics of the workforce. But without suggesting that unionisation is the cause of lower employment growth, the pattern is startling. Take Wales. With companies such as Sony, Ford and Hitachi investing in the Principality, employment growth has at least to some extent taken up some of the labour market slack created by the all but complete closure of the area's traditional heavy industries such as coal and steel.

Using the latest available LFS figures, Wales has the highest level of unionisation — 44 per cent of employees are union members. But looking at LFS figures on employment change over the past two years Wales is amongst the lowest performing of the UK regions, ranking seventh with employment growth of just 2.4 per cent, or 28,000.

The North, the North West and Scotland are also heavily unionised regions, with densities of 42 per cent in the North and 39 per cent in the other two. All are also poor employment performers — ninth, tenth and eleventh respectively — with employment growth of 1.7 per cent (22,000 up over the period), 0.6 per cent (16,000 up) and 0 per cent over the past two years.

Unemployment seems to have a less clear connection with union strength, as measured by the statistical proxy of union density. Union density is lowest in areas which are some way from the traditional union citadels of the North, Scotland and Wales: Greater London (eighth in the density ranking, at 30 per cent — a higher figure because of the continuing impact of some heavily unionised industries such as docks and transport), the South West (ninth, at 27 per cent), East Anglia (tenth, at 26 per cent) and the South East (eleventh, at 23 per cent).

Some of these areas have seen sharp falls in unemployment — down 96,000 and 78,000 in Greater London and the South East respectively. Proportionately, though, these falls of 20 and 17.5 per cent over the past two years rank the two regions only fifth and sixth respectively. The North West, an area of high union density, has also seen a fall in unemployment of 78,000 over the period — at 23.7 per cent, the highest proportionate regional drop in the country.

Local labour market conditions are likely to be the overriding factor for pay, so that some weaker union areas such as Greater London and East Anglia have over the past two years seen some of the highest increases in earnings, driven by business growth.

But it is clear, too, that some areas of high unionisation have seen some big earnings growth. The North West — third in the union density league table — has seen by far the sharpest growth in earnings, according to the LFS figures, with as much as 16 per cent, from a weekly average earnings level of £261 to £304. Yet, even with such growth, it lags well behind some other areas, including Greater London which has a level of £396 and the South East with £354.

Union leaders strongly deny any causal connection between a stronger union presence and lower employment growth but, when coupled with earnings and the minimum wage, further ammunition in the war over the role of the trade unions looks again like featuring in the forthcoming general election.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Mentoring by Morgan

DEREK DRAPER, Peter Mandelson's former boy wonder-cum-researcher and editor of *Progress*, a publication for Labour activists, has reason to feel abashed. He published a lengthy article in the latest issue praising Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, the company at the centre of last week's unit trust scandal. Draper describes MGAM's recent foray into Leytonstone Comprehensive as part of a mentoring scheme. "A far cry from the image most Labour supporters have of merchant banks," he gushes, adding that "next time we see the film *Wall Street* and Gordon Gekko is preaching 'greed is good', we should remember the other side of the City, those who practice the 'stakeholding is good' philosophy instead."

Two for one?

DEWE ROGERSON, the PR giant, yesterday distributed press releases giving the interim results of Pendragon, the car sales company, on notepaper headed with Nationwide's blue and green logo and address. Both Nationwide and Dewe Rogerson use Pims, the printing and services group. Could this be how the confusion arose, or is it just a case of cutting costs?

Gritty Lutheran

NATWEST could soon be press officer-less after an announcement yesterday that Edward Townsend, head of Group Media Relations, is leaving to join Luther Pendragon, the issues management consultancy. Townsend's news comes in the same week that Simon Lewis, director of corporate affairs, gives up his seat at NatWest to join British Gas Energy. George Pitcher, who is joint managing director of Luther Pendragon, doesn't hold back when he describes Townsend, a cricket, rugby and jazz fan, as "a wise counsel and a gritty operator — in short, he is very Lutheran".


Clarke: 40-inch waist

Measuring up

CABINET ministers across the Continent have handed over their waist and leg measurements to Dockers, which is part of Levis Strauss, in a bid for a free pair of the "casual" pants. By the end of this week, Kenneth Clarke, who boasts a 40-inch waist and a 31-inch inside leg, will have received his tan colour trousers. While Michael Heseltine, Sir Patrick Mayhew, and Helmut Kohl take the longest trouser length at 36 inches, the latter also has the largest waist measurement at 50 inches. Michael Portillo and John Major are mere slips of things with a willowy 34-inch waists.

Big spender

ONE can't help wondering about the significance of Psion spending £1.5 million investigating Alan Sugar's Amstrad before calling off the aborted merger, while Amstrad needed to spend only £300,000 on its inquiry into the high-flying Psion.

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Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	641.80	686.00	+ 1.00	1.99
Com & Gth	49.39	52.79††	- 0.07	4.11
Smaller Cos	211.20	225.70	+ 0.70	1.01
2nd Smaller Cos	200.40	214.30†	+ 0.10	0.86
Recovery	171.00	182.70†	+ 0.20	1.54
Inter Mkt & Cdty	170.00	181.30	+ 0.40	0.17
Dvsfd Earnings	426.50	455.90	+ 0.80	1.06
Technology	219.10	234.20	+ 1.40	-
UK Special Sits	579.00	618.90†	+ 2.10	1.01

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
01263 526 911

Colonial Ord Pens	118.10	121.60		3.04
Founders Pens Pens	70.25	73.09		1.44

BG-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 600 0033

Capital	84.15	89.52	+ 0.51	1.31
International	67.66	71.98		-

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
0131 222 4242

America	344.30	367.30†	+ 1.60	-
Bond	117.20	123.30	+ 0.20	6.78
Bnt Smlr Cos	120.80	128.50		1.76
Capr & Gen #	70.35	74.84†	+ 0.41	5.26
Europe	286.50	305.90		0.58
Euro Smlr Cos	127.00	134.70	- 0.60	0.58
Income Gwth	373.70	397.60†	+ 0.40	4.78
Japan	314.90	334.50	+ 2.30	-
Latin American	85.60	91.06	+ 0.35	0.78
Pacific	114.00	121.20	+ 0.80	0.59
UK Smlr Cos	60.45	64.31	+ 0.01	1.24
Japan Fd	659.60	678.90	+ 3.90	-
Mngd Pd	206.20	217.90	+ 1.20	2.78

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
0171 606 9873

Bnt & Depos	361.70	382.50		6.93
Capital Gwth	130.70	136.10		2.43
Wrldw Opps	216.20	228.70		0.90

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
0181 534 5544

Balanced Trusts				
Bnr Inv Fd Inc	432.50	450.50	+ 2.30	2.49
European Bd Inc	98.13	99.50	+ 0.22	6.76
Exempt	83.46	88.03	+ 0.31	5.88
500	515.60	550.00†	+ 1.00	1.35
General	330.30	352.50	+ 0.50	2.53
Property	344.50	362.40		5.19
Trustee	332.10	342.70	+ 0.90	2.41
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.80	100.80		4.99
Distribution ##	112.90	113.50†	+ 0.50	6.84
Extra Income #	136.00	147.60	+ 0.70	4.77
Gilt & Fxd Int	97.85	98.56†	+ 0.08	7.97
Income #	588.50	630.60†	+ 2.00	4.71
Income Builder #	68.70	73.36†	+ 0.40	5.42
Intl Income	70.74	75.26	+ 0.46	2.73
Growth Trusts - Ut				
Capital	142.60	152.30†	+ 0.50	1.97
FTSE 100	100.90	107.60	+ 0.50	2.87
Leisure	182.20	194.90	+ 0.20	0.87
Recovery	499.10	533.80	+ 1.80	2.65
Smlr Cos Inc	98.21	63.50†	+ 0.14	2.12
Special Sits	385.90	423.50	+ 1.20	1.27
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	170.80	180.50	+ 2.10	0.16
Aust Acc	287.60	306.50	+ 2.00	1.81
Aust Inc	172.00	183.30	+ 1.20	1.81
Euro Gwth Inc	193.90	205.40†	+ 2.00	0.56
Hi- Accum	310.20	329.30	+ 2.00	0.56
Japan & Gen Inc	149.70	158.50	+ 1.80	-
Hi- Accum	151.50	160.40	+ 1.90	-
Japan Spec Sits	70.10	74.35	+ 0.90	-
Worldwide	197.70	209.90	+ 1.90	0.44

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
0171 214 1004

American Growth	129.50	136.90	+ 2.50	-
Amer Smlr Cos	166.90	178.80	+ 3.10	-
Convertibles	80.08	84.31	+ 0.39	4.80
Eastern	296.40	318.30	+ 1.80	0.30
Equity Income	89.29	105.30	+ 0.40	4.10
European Growth	362.20	385.50	+ 3.80	0.80
Europe	357.80	381.30	+ 2.10	0.80
German Growth	88.53	93.87	+ 0.49	0.50
Global Bond	70.43	74.11	+ 0.29	6.50
Global Growth	145.80	155.00	+ 0.80	0.40
Japan Growth	192.90	204.90	+ 2.00	-
Japan Smlr Cos	162.90	172.70	- 0.20	-
Korea Trust	85.95	77.38	+ 0.17	-
Portfolio	145.40	153.50†	+ 0.80	2.30
Pacific Growth	175.60	294.70	+ 1.20	2.30
UK Growth	105.10	112.70	+ 0.20	2.69
UK Smaller Cos	100.30	108.70		1.90
Select Managers	89.43	95.92	+ 0.39	1.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
0171 250 3000

Intl Gwth Port Inc	89.69	95.41†	+ 1.61	-
Special Opps Inc	69.80	64.58†	+ 0.67	-

BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD
0141 223 6020

Balanced Growth	143.49	150.78	+ 0.48	1.25
- do- Accum	164.19	172.75	+ 0.55	1.25
Smaller Cos	156.26	165.35	+ 4.81	0.71
Higher Yield #	56.93	60.24	+ 1.01	3.86
American Gth Inc	98.68	104.43†	+ 1.32	-
European Growth	166.91	176.63†	+ 1.06	0.02
- do- Accum	170.27	180.16	+ 1.10	0.02
Global Bond Inc #	89.60	94.81	+ 0.11	5.97
Mngd Profile Inc	52.97	56.03	+ 0.28	1.45
- do- Accum	54.59	57.75	+ 0.29	1.45
Int Spec Opps	184.56	174.14	+ 0.63	-
Pacific Gth	143.77	152.14	+ 0.39	0.31
UK General #	101.97	107.91	+ 0.49	2.95
- do- Accum #	101.97	107.91	+ 0.49	-
Japan	57.94	61.32†	+ 0.65	-
Gilt & Fixed Int #	98.89	102.48†	+ 0.16	8.27

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 490 7216

Short Dated Gilt	65.44	67.29	+ 0.09	6.46

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0161 837 5050

Endrtn	192.70	202.40	+ 0.60	1.72
UK Growth	211.40	221.90†	+ 0.60	2.64
UK Income	148.40	155.80	+ 0.50	4.47

CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD
01207 822 100

Can Gen Dist	233.80	247.80†		1.69
- do- Income Dist	125.40	132.90		3.76
- do- Accum	402.50	426.70		3.76
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.46	42.51†		6.78
Growth Units	254.60	270.00†	+ 0.90	2.04
Bond	172.60	181.70†	+ 0.30	7.33
Intl Growth	244.10	259.80	+ 2.40	0.18
North American	253.50	269.80†	+ 4.00	0.24
Far East	300.30	321.20	+ 1.40	0.47
UK Smaller Cos	229.30	245.20	- 0.40	0.84
European	97.82	103.10	+ 0.60	0.65
Japanese Growth	46.43	49.29	+ 0.52	-
High Income	227.10	239.30	+ 0.80	4.20

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455

American & Gen	216.50	231.80	+ 3.30	-
European Inc	94.74	100.42†	+ 0.41	0.63
Smaller Cos (4-11)	108.50	115.50†	+ 0.10	1.48
Growth	543.90	578.70†	+ 3.50	1.78
Income & Growth #	458.00	487.30†	+ 3.40	3.89
- do- Accum #	692.30	736.50	+ 5.10	3.89
Japan & Gen	67.06	71.31	+ 0.76	-
Master Portfolio	121.954	129.254	+ 62.00	1.90
- do- Accum	5147.01	5151.81	+ 77.00	1.90
Special Sits	127.10	135.30	+ 0.50	1.79
High Yield	114.59	119.46	+ 0.00	4.31

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0708

Cazenove Portfolio	101.88	108.84	+ 0.33	2.36
American Portfolio	121.55	129.15	+ 0.69	0.88
European Portfolio	133.39	142.03	- 0.65	0.62
High Income	51.35	51.47†	+ 0.09	7.15
Japanese Portfolio	67.68	71.89	+ 0.59	-
Pacific Portfolio	154.69	165.34	+ 0.79	1.44
Uk Equity	98.94	105.75	+ 0.25	3.62
Uk Equity & Bd	57.63	61.05	+ 0.17	6.27

CCMT BD OF RN OF CHURCH OF ENG
0171 588 1815

Inv Fund	767.93	773.45	+ 4.85	4.32
Pnl In Sec	153.23	153.85	+ 0.29	9.39

CGNF CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815

Investment Inc	754.06	765.48	+ 0.15	4.35
Investment Acc	934.37	934.88	+ 0.64	-
Fixed Int Inc	126.34	126.84	- 0.09	9.15
Fixed Int Acc	225.03	225.93	- 0.17	-

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5566

Equity Inc	87.09	92.02		3.12
Back Bio-Tech	42.56	45.13		-
Acorn Ethical Tst	184.59	193.84		0.44
City Fin Assets	84.27	88.49		1.51
City Fin America	111.86	117.46		-
City Fin Intl	91.17	95.74		0.45
City Fin Japan	146.60	153.94		-
Friars Hse Cap	323.57	344.22		2.46
Friars Hse Inc	201.24	214.08		3.52
Barclay Wall Grth	143.07	151.65†		-
J Sel Inc/Gth Inc	55.42	58.20		3.51
Shaw Utilities	58.24	58.31	- 0.06	6.14

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Admin 01277 227 300

Emerging Markets	57.31	60.81†	+ 0.19	-

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0345 772 233

American Gwth	79.82	85.02	+ 7.13	-
Dragon Growth	71.72	76.70	+ 0.43	0.47
Equity Mngd Inc	98.98	95.37†	+ 0.17	4.09
- do- Accum #	128.64	136.06	+ 0.24	4.09
Extra Income Inc	35.29	37.57	+ 0.03	7.54
Extra Income Acc	28.50	30.00	+ 0.03	7.54
European Gwth	93.31	97.17	+ 0.48	0.96
Evergreen	32.07	34.29	+ 0.10	-
Fixed Interest	104.33	110.70	+ 0.27	8.23
Global Equity	104.32	110.70	+ 0.27	0.93
Japan Growth	49.42	52.57	+ 0.32	-
Pacific Gwth	66.09	69.74	+ 0.19	2.27
Pnl Sns Cos Inc	39.18	41.68	- 0.03	1.43
Pnl Sns Cos Acc	44.51	44.16	- 0.05	1.43
Restructuring Inc #	27.82	29.60	+ 0.08	1.70-
Special Sits	47.66	50.73	+ 0.16	2.26
UK & Overseas	58.44	63.07	+ 0.39	0.73

COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD
01634 898 000

Balanced	69.10	71.97†	+ 0.26	3.99
Capital	60.76	67.35†	+ 0.25	2.25
High Income	59.71	62.82†	+ 0.07	7.18
Top 50	56.50	59.59†	+ 0.21	2.97

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
0181 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	198.13	208.39	+ 1.33	4.45
Long Gth	42.49	44.23	+ 0.06	0.39
Mobility Inc Plus	48.72	50.75	+ 0.09	0.83
Performance Share	47.65	49.64	+ 0.07	7.65
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	141.42	147.31	+ 0.64	5.79
Managed Fund	78.07	81.32	+ 0.51	2.64
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.52	55.75	+ 0.14	1.70
- do- Accum	63.26	65.90	+ 0.17	1.70
UK & General	98.52	102.63	+ 0.74	2.51
- do- Accum	127.78	133.15	- 0.96	2.51
UK Growth	195.87	204.03	+ 1.30	1.38
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	213.22	222.10	- 1.35	0.65
Far Eastern Gth	136.13	141.80	+ 1.00	0.002
Global Bond	82.11	85.53	-	5.80
Japan Growth	112.35	117.03	+ 1.24	-
North Amer Gth	225.91	245.74	+ 3.58	-
Overseas Growth	84.56	88.08	+ 0.37	0.76
Worldwide Growth	74.09	77.18	+ 0.65	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.17	93.17	+ 0.01	5.12
Hydrocarbon Fund	91.29	97.12	+ 0.59	1.56
Quilter Fund	150.36	156.34†	+ 1.05	1.87

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
0171 407 5959

Consistent Ut	35.75	38.24†		4.34

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
01600 525 398

Growth	178.70	190.10	+ 0.50	1.80
Income	71.78	76.36†	+ 0.25	4.15
European	75.15	79.95	+ 0.17	0.85
Recovery	190.60	202.80	+ 0.90	2.03

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 283 8494

Equity Dist	978.60	994.00		3.39

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
01277 680 370

Fellowship Tst	113.30	120.40	+ 0.40	1.08
Income #	291.70	310.30	+ 1.40	4.08
- do- Accum #	763.60	812.30	+ 3.70	4.10
Smaller Cos	337.60	352.70	+ 0.30	0.65
- do- Accum	394.90	313.70	+ 0.30	0.65
Gth Portfolio	103.10	109.60†	+ 0.50	1.29
High Inc Port #	83.77	88.11†	+ 0.43	4.28

DIMENSIONAL UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 470 1634

Euro Small Cos	1681.60	1743.28		-
Japan Small Cos	1217.70	1242.20		0.01
UK Small Cos	2294.30	2294.30		2.66
US Small Cos	2123.60	2169.60		0.97

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
0171 377 8819

Disc Inc	229.10	241.10	. .	3.05

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
01242 577 585

Uk Balanced Inc	170.90	181.80	+ 0.80	1.78
Uk High Inc Inc	178.60	189.90	+ 0.60	3.75
- do- Accum	241.20	256.60	+ 0.90	3.75
Uk Pref & Fixed Inc	58.71	62.26	+ 0.12	5.94
Emergmnt Opps	169.10	179.60	+ 0.50	0.84
Uk Smlr Cos #	68.28	73.50	+ 0.03	0.69
Euro Income Inc	46.02	51.08†	+ 0.08	8.15

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 080 525

American	175.30	186.10	+ 2.30	0.43
Convertibles #	92.79	74.21†	+ 0.14	5.78
Equity Income #	143.70	152.70†	-	3.93
Eurofund	63.32	66.98	- 0.05	0.60
Financial	95.13	58.58	+ 0.37	1.54
Growth & Inc #	380.80	406.60†	+ 0.20	2.83
High Divs #	181.80	193.40†	+ 0.20	4.09
International	440.60	468.10	+ 2.80	0.11
Int Cap Inc	104.10	111.10	+ 0.70	1.35
Latin American	33.39	35.48†	+ 0.35	-
Pacific	81.32	86.40	+ 0.70	-
Prel High Inc	21.63	23.00	+ 0.04	7.73
Tokyo	218.10	231.80†	+ 1.50	-
UK Smaller Cos	257.80	273.90	- 0.30	1.10
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
Equity Inc	139.60	148.40	+ 0.50	6.04
Extra Income #	147.68	156.91	+ 0.70	4.77
Gilt & Fixed	98.52	100.63	+ 0.74	2.51
Income #	588.50	630.60†	+ 2.00	4.71
Income Builder #	68.70	73.36†	+ 0.40	5.42
Intl Income	70.74	75.26	+ 0.46	2.73
Growth Trusts - Uk				
Capital	142.60	152.30†	+ 0.50	1.97
FTSE 100	100.90	107.60	+ 0.50	2.87
Leisure	182.20	194.90	+ 0.20	0.87
Recovery	499.10	533.80	+ 1.80	2.65
Smlr Cos Inc	98.21	63.50†	+ 0.14	2.12
Special Sits	385.90	423.50	+ 1.20	1.27
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	170.80	180.50	+ 2.10	0.16
Aust Acc	287.60	306.50	+ 2.00	1.81
Aust Inc	172.00	183.30	+ 1.20	1.81
Euro Gwth Inc	193.90	205.40†	+ 2.00	0.56
- do- Accum	310.20	329.30	+ 2.00	0.56
Japan & Gen Inc	149.70	158.50	+ 1.80	-
- do- Accum	151.50	160.40	+ 1.90	-
Japan Spec Sits	70.10	74.35	+ 0.90	-
Worldwide	197.70	209.90	+ 1.90	0.44

EDITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
01256 481 480

European	91.07	95.86	- 0.31	1.97
Global Tst	48.01	50.54	+ 0.07	0.62
Far Eastern	302.18	318.08	+ 0.52	1.63
High Income	140.17	147.55	+ 0.26	4.93
Mdl Manx Trdng	50.59	53.25†	+ 0.01	3.27
Irish Growth	146.38	154.08	+ 0.16	-
North American	149.42	153.80†	+ 0.58	1.73
Pacific	142.43	149.92	+ 0.63	3.16
Smaller Cos	73.15	77.08	+ 0.27	2.79
Special Sits	99.54	97.41†	- 0.10	2.48
Tst of Inv Tsts	215.89	227.25†	+ 0.79	7.31

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 407 5965

Smaller Cos Inc	241.16	256.63	+ 0.63	1.45
Smaller Cos Acc	429.73	457.16	+ 1.13	1.45
Recovery	58.90	63.72	+ 0.06	1.66
Recovery Acc	61.90	65.85	+ 0.06	1.66

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
01392 412 144

Capital Growth	89.16	94.56	- 0.61	-
Fd of Inv Tsts	52.18	55.66	- 0.26	0.52
High Income #	38.45	41.21		11.16
Warrant	47.64	51.76†	+ 0.41	-
Zero Preference	44.01	46.70	+ 0.08	-

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
01273 320 707

Family Asset Tst	92.75	98.66	+0.050	2.61
United Counties	312.10	332.00	- 0.80	2.46

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
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Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.70
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	29.00	30.09	+ 0.09	5.17
Strategic Inc	28.75	27.56	- 0.06	5.81
Income Funds				
High Income	26.44	27.74†	+ 0.08	5.56
Income Plus	130.30	139.60†	+ 0.60	3.96
European Income	49.56	52.67†	+ 0.14	2.58
Uk Div Gwth	31.40	33.39†	+ 0.11	2.44
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	62.32	67.65	+ 0.44	-
American	318.00	337.80	- 1.80	-
Amer Smlr Cos	179.50	191.60	- 2.70	-
Japan Smaller Cos	34.74	37.60	+ 0.17	-
European	228.00	242.50	+ 0.90	0.56
European Opps	80.34	85.42	+ 0.33	0.02
Global Pos	30.80	32.75	+ 0.15	0.34
Uk Growth	122.30	130.10†	+ 0.40	1.10
Growth & Inc	177.70	189.00†	- 0.80	2.46
Intl PEP	67.85	70.61	- 0.22	1.08
Japan Spec Sits	89.65	95.30	+ 0.69	-
Japan	118.00	125.80	+ 1.30	-
Managed Intl	346.60	367.80	+ 2.60	0.51
Marketprofile	65.69	71.13	- 0.37	-
Recovery	62.18	66.12	+ 0.51	1.62
South E Asia	187.20	193.30	+ 0.50	1.00
Special Sits	734.30	780.80†	+ 2.40	0.59
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	115.72	115.72	+ 0.01	5.39

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 814 2700

Balanced #	149.40	152.101		1.57
Inc Portfo #	95.06	97.551	+ 0.45	2.84
Cap Portfo	164.00	165.60	- 0.80	0.66
General Opps	142.60	144.20		1.70
Growth Inc	37.73	38.49	- 0.07	0.65
Prespc Portfolio	481.00	490.00†		0.50

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Dlg 01277 680 388 Admin/Vol 01277 699 Sid

Euro Smlr Cos	152.20	161.60†	- 0.20	0.35
Emrg Asian	143.00	154.20	+ 0.70	-
High Income	71.29	72.87†	+ 0.16	9.93
Uk Income	114.10	121.80	+ 0.40	4.05
US Smaller Cos	426.50	454.80	+ 3.20	-

For Foster & Braithwaite see Outlier

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
Enq 0171 336 9500 Dealing 0345 775511

American Growth	77.60	82.63	+ 0.75	...
-do- Accum	77.60	82.63	+ 0.75	...
Amer Smlr Cos	690.80	738.80†	+ 7.60	-
-do- Accum	705.70	754.80†	+ 7.30	-
Capital Tst	398.40	423.60	- 1.60	1.50
Cont Eurpn Cos	581.90	619.00	- 2.50	1.50
Cosmopolitan	143.10	152.30	+ 0.60	5.60
-do- Accum	309.80	329.40	+ 1.30	5.60
Emerging Markets	68.23	72.58	+ 1.29	0.30
Eurobond	151.90	161.60	+ 0.30	0.90
Extra Income	161.00	170.60	+ 0.30	0.90

Shares fail to maintain early pace

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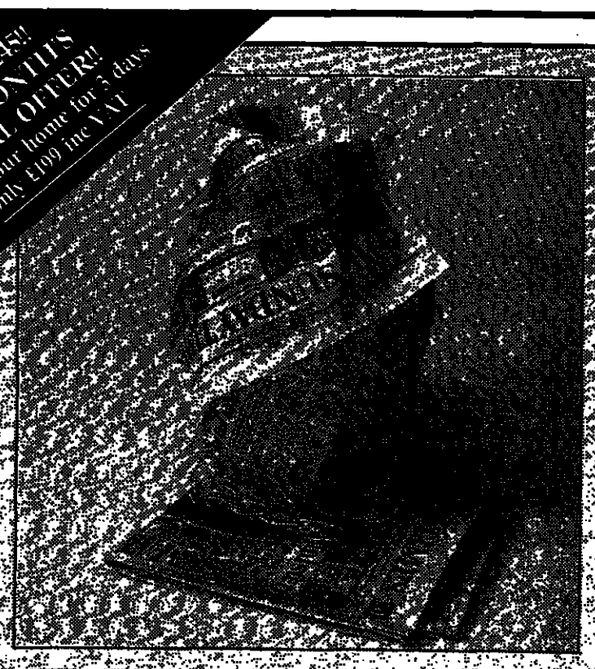
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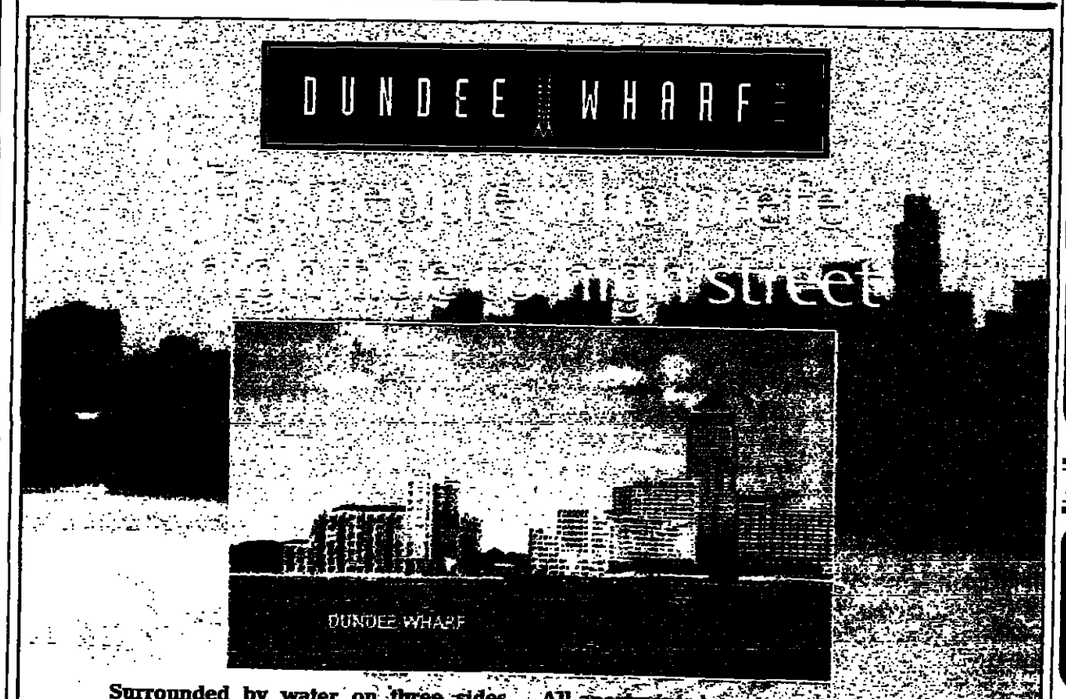
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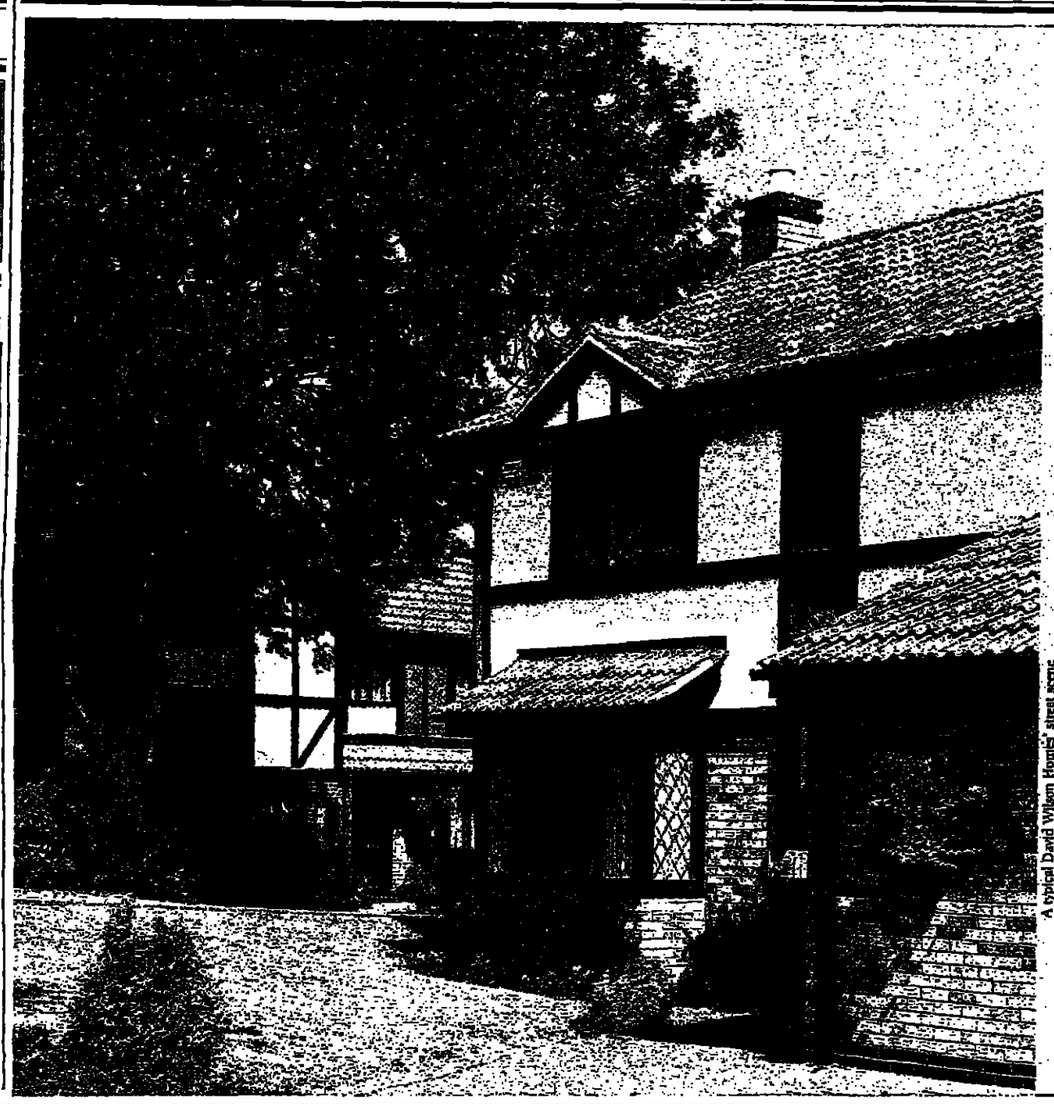
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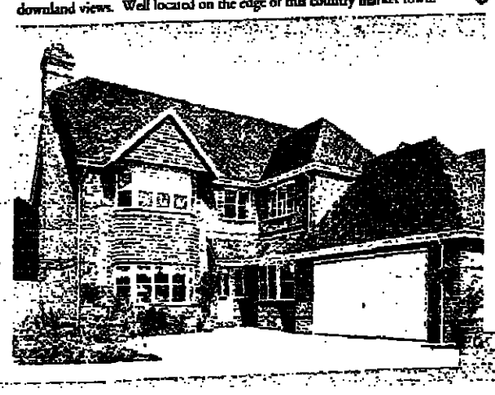
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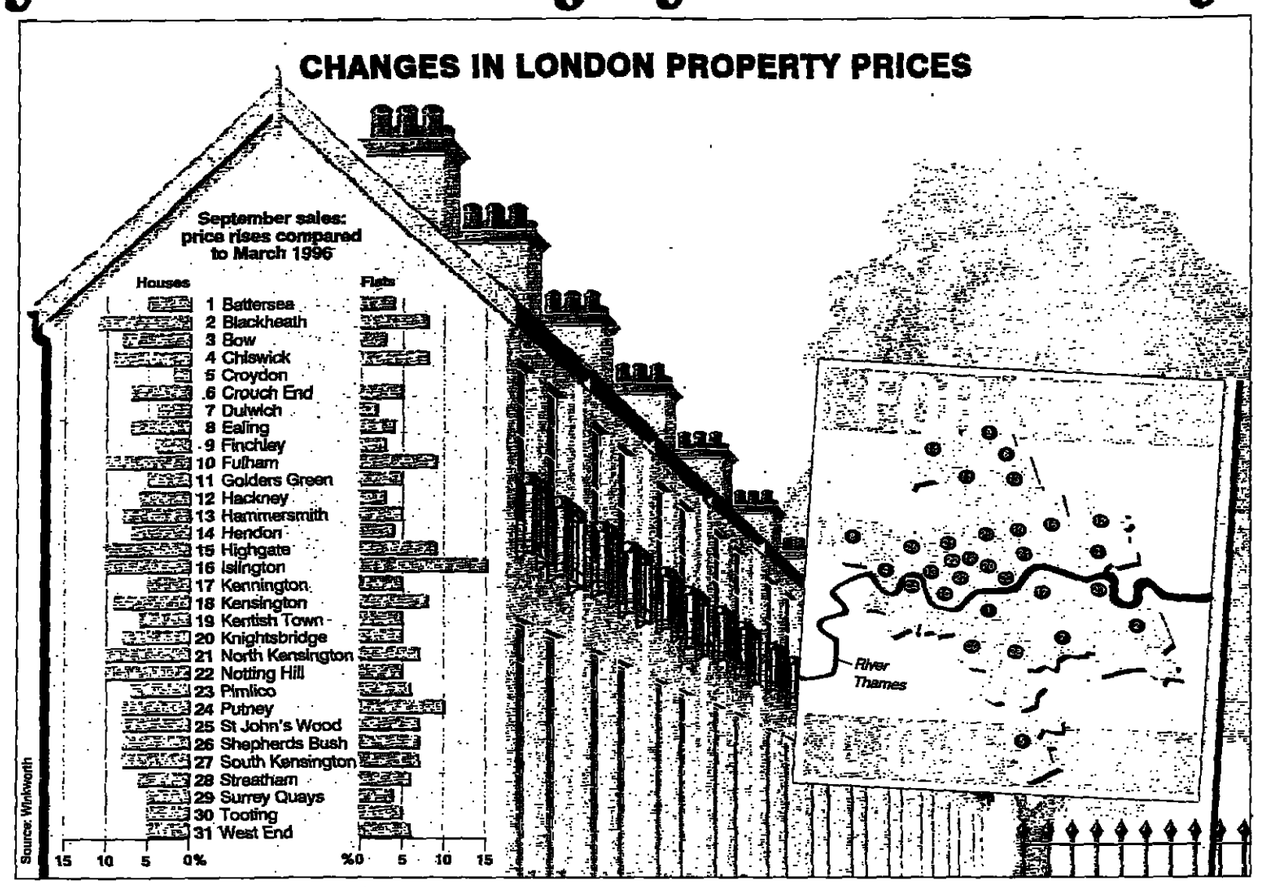
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Family homes enjoy a recovery

Central London houses lead the way in a survey of prices, writes Rachel Kelly



The most detailed picture of what is happening to house prices in London is shown today in new figures from Winkworth, the capital's largest chain of estate agents. They show the patchiness of the recovery, as the prospects for your des res are determined not simply by the estate agent's mantra — location, location, location — but also by property type.

In general, family houses are doing better than small flats, freehold and long leasehold property better than short leases, and well done-up properties better than their tired or unattractive counterparts. Properties which are blighted in any way, be it by a busy road or a tricky lease, are still languishing. The asking prices may not have fallen, but the actual sale prices are still up to 40 per cent below 1988 levels.

Blackheath, Fulham, Notting Hill, Highgate and Islington are the best performers as the market is fuelled by demand which has built up over the past seven years as families have delayed moving, and further strengthened by low mortgage rates, low inflation, and rising prices.

House prices are up by 10 per cent over the past six months. In Islington, Hilary Wade, the marketing manager of Winkworth, says: "The typical pattern is that couples who have lived in Notting Hill flats for the past few years, and who are now starting families, find they cannot afford the minimum of £500,000 needed to buy a family house.

"So they are moving to less expensive places such as Islington. The migration from Kensington to Islington has been especially marked in the past few months." Winkworth says that prices for flats in the north London borough have risen by 15 per cent in the past six months.

Lorna Vestey from Knight Frank has picked out property on the Phillimore estate and around Victoria Road as the best Kensington performers.

Prices in Knightsbridge have risen by 8 per cent over the past six months, says Winkworth; prices up by 10 per cent in Belgravia, where Chester Square and Chesham Place are the most requested streets, say Knight Frank. In St John's Wood, prices are up 8 per cent. Top streets are Avenue Road, Cavendish Avenue, and Norfolk Road.

In contrast, the outer suburbs have not yet experienced a recovery like central London's. Flats in Croydon, for example, have shown no change in prices over the past six months which, allowing for inflation, means a fall in value in real terms.

Other areas that are suffering include East Dulwich, Peckham, Catford, and parts of Hackney, including Stoke Newington, although Hackney is benefiting from bordering Islington and being close to the City.

Ms Wade says: "The areas that have suffered most in the past seven years are finding that at last house prices are creeping up. But the same is not true for one-bedroom flats, poor conversions and small or scruffy two-bedroom flats." John D. Wood notices a move of well-off families from central London to Wandsworth, Wimbledon, Chiswick and Richmond to be close to day schools. George Pope of John D. Wood says: "In the past, such families might have moved to wherever their eldest child was due to go to boarding school. Now, many more parents are sending their children to London day schools." This change has led to price rises in areas such as Wandsworth, where large family houses can now sell for more than £750,000.

One-bedroom flats are performing well in Soho, Fitzrovia, and Covent Garden, where the desire to be fashionable combined with the need for a pied-à-terre boosts the market.

In Chelsea, an area not covered by Winkworth, Knight Frank says that prices have risen by more than anywhere else, up by 20 per cent during the past six months.

> The areas that have suffered most are at last finding house prices rising

The most popular roads are Tregunter Road, Gilston Road, Smith Terrace and Cheyne Row. In Mayfair, Knight Frank says that house prices have risen by 5 per cent. Grosvenor Square, Hill Street and Charles Street are faring best.

Of course, cynics will carp at such optimistic figures. But they are probably the best we have. Winkworth has the advantage of selling a greater volume of London property than any other agency, with 31 offices. And as agents point out, London has behaved in a completely different manner from the rest of the country. Knight Frank estimate that London prices are up 9.9 per cent over the last 12 months, while elsewhere they are up by 2.7 per cent.

Other agents add their voices to Winkworth's optimism. Louise Hewlett from Aylesford, which concentrates on properties in Belgravia, Kensington, Knightsbridge and the top end of the market, says: "This has been one of the best years that Aylesford has experienced for 25 years." Mr Pope estimates 10 per cent average price rises since January.

Stephan Miles-Brown, head of residential development at Knight Frank, notes that Clerkenwell, Holborn, Southwark and Spitalfields are all doing well: witness a number of new conversions of moribund commercial buildings to fashionable lofts. Savills, says that July and August have been uncharacteristically busy, and estimates average rises throughout London of 7 per cent since January. Savills has now increased its forecast of annual rises in London from 4.7 per cent to 10.5 per cent.

But price rises do not mean that it is necessarily an easy market in which to take the plunge. Agents moan about the shortage of good quality property. Increased rents are producing high enough yields to attract investors and speculators in town, and already some hapless London buyers in some areas are finding that they are having to compete with sealed bids.

Rob Thomas, building society analyst with the city firm UBS, says that the number of monthly sales is less than 100,000 in England and Wales, compared with the 1980s' 100,000-plus a month. Last year, the Land Registry recorded 110,025 property sales in Greater London.

So we have not reached 1980s levels, and lack of supply is most endemic in the more pleasant bits of London.

Basically, if you have a well-built, period family home, close to shops, schools and greens spaces, it will probably sell in less than a week for close to its asking price. But you will be unlikely to find anything to buy.

Living in fear of being swallowed up by the Earth

Old mineshafts lie below houses — quite where is uncertain

The residents of Westerleigh Road, in Combe Down, a small village south of Bath, sleep ill at night: they fear waking to find their house has been swallowed up by the Earth, *Rachel Kelly writes*. No, this is no tale of the supernatural, but a story of homes that have been built on top of the old mines that provided the stone for Bath's fine houses. The mineshafts have been known to re-open unexpectedly.

Two boarded-up council houses are a nagging reminder that the land may be unstable. As a precaution, council tenants were moved three years ago. Now other homes are starting to crack. More than 40 acres of disused shallow stone mines lie below them.

The problem has long been known about. More than 18 months ago, HM Mines Inspectorate warned the former city council of the possibility of a catastrophic collapse. In 1991 the the Environment Department's land-stability branch said the problem should be dealt with urgently.

More than 400 properties could be affected. In places, the load-bearing rock is less than 6ft thick. Yet nothing has been done, nor will it be in the foreseeable future.

Paul Jackson, the chairman of a local forum on the mines, says: "Any solution for stabilising the mines should involve as little infilling as possible. No one wants anything done that would cause the environment long-term damage. We need maintenance and repair where necessary, and to preserve the character of the mines where we can, developing them as a community asset. If they are well looked after, there will be no difficulty with the properties. Otherwise, there could be problems."

Alan May, who lives in the road, is already having difficulties. He said: "The value of my property has been reduced. It's difficult to sell."

More cracks are appearing around the home of another resident, Edward Perry. When the pensioner moved to the road in 1957, he had no idea of the perils below. Part of the problem was that many mines were not marked on maps.

It was long assumed in Combe Down that infilling the mines, a job with an estimated cost of £29 million, would be funded by English Partnerships, a government agency. But it has agreed only to share the expense of a cost-benefit analysis, a consultants' study to find the most economical way of making the mines safe.

One suggestion was partial infilling the waste from a coal-powered fire station combined with cement, known as PFA. Some see it as the cheapest and quickest method: others fear that PFA could contaminate a local spring.

Neil Carroll, whose Oxford Place house lies above a high-hazard area, resents the opposition to PFA. "The money was on the table to stabilise the mines," he said. "It has been taken away because some people in Combe Down looked a gift horse in the mouth."

It leaves everyone in Combe Down wondering from where the money will come. Robert Mimmack, Bath and North East Somerset Council's development and environmental services director, said: "English Partnerships is an organisation to help to redevelop areas, but it does not see the benefits in Combe Down that it would get from putting money in derelict land elsewhere."

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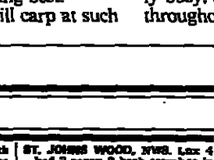
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Amanda Loose on the result of an eight-month battle to sell Service houses

A second chance to buy from the Government

Last week, a battle that has raged for the past eight months ended. The Ministry of Defence announced that it was selling its married quarters to Annington Homes, a consortium headed by the Japanese bank Nomura International.

With the recent improvement in the market, the Ministry's timing is fortuitous. Its portfolio will be much in demand. Developers are already fighting over 1,250 acres of surplus land at RAF Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire. A consortium of Wimpey, Taylor Woodrow and Westbury plans to build 5,000 homes there.

The MoD is selling at the direction of the Treasury to raise £1.6 billion. The deal is that it will remain the freehold owner of the 57,700 MoD properties in England and Wales. Only their leases have been sold, for 999 years, to Annington Homes.

Surplus housing has been a long-term problem for the MoD. Before the sell-off, 12,000 MoD houses were empty, approximately twice the number of vacant homes needed by the Ministry to accommodate relocations. The hope is that Annington will be better at managing the housing stock than the MoD was. And thanks to the sell-off, the MoD will off-load 2,700 homes immediately and gain Treasury funds to upgrade its housing stock.

In turn, the developer gains 2,700 empty homes and will benefit from the rent roll. This will be paid by the MoD for the bulk of the remaining 55,000 homes that it is leasing back with 200-year underleases, and which the MoD will continue to manage. After 25 years, Annington will be able to redevelop sites, subject to local planning permission.

The obvious political sensitivity of the sale has meant that there are strict rules governing what Annington can and cannot do. It will be able to remove Service families from estates, but will have to provide alternative accommodation. It will be able to offer a "site exchange" to the MoD, but only if the alternative estate meets firm conditions.

A spokesman for NatWest Markets, which is handling the sale, said: "MoD houses will be passed on to the new owner only when an entire block or concentrated area is available.

"This is at the behest of the Service families, who want to remain together. The new owners will be able to do what they like, because the houses will be in a separate area, perhaps across a road, from the existing military site. Some houses cannot be included in the sell-off, for security reasons. Properties at Windsor cannot be sold because they are on Crown Estate land.

"The new owner will have the property skills to develop sites in more remote areas, which the MoD does not have. Some of the houses are a bit dated, but they are structurally sound."

Sales include 50 surplus houses at RAF Brampton in Cambridgeshire. All of the remaining houses at RAF Finningley, in South Yorkshire, will be sold as freeholds. Like some of the designated sale houses, they are two or three-bedroom semi-detached properties. Three are on the outskirts of towns and cities; ideal for young families.

Agents say that the sale of good-size public-sector housing, some of which needs restoration, could be reminiscent of the successful council and local authority housing sell-offs in the 1980s.

Nick Hole-Jones of John D. Wood believes that the sale could help to fill a gap in the market. He says: "The sales will create an untapped source of housing which has not really existed before. The houses will probably be sold at below market value for their cost of building and plot, although they are sizeable. Such properties will help people to get a foot on the property ladder; they will move first-time buyers out of rented accommodation.

"Buyers will be able to put their own identity into the house, which will give them collateral, which they can then sell on. This will create second-time buyers, which drives the market.

"My only fear is that because these prices will be effectively subsidised below their market value, it could be difficult for buyers to make their second step up the property ladder."

Richard Haynes of Knight Frank agrees. There will, he says, be demand if the developers get the price right. He adds: "The MoD properties are a mixed bag, but the consortium recognises that it will have to do a lot of work to make some of the houses more attractive and spend some money. But in selected areas, it will be able to do something quite positive. An extensive period will have to be allowed to sell blocks of houses.

"Developers might sell some, then add more community facilities. It will have to be a progressive process. It is a fascinating portfolio."

The Ministry has previously sold some of its surplus properties. Since 1993, about 2,828 MoD houses have been sold, some to individuals and housing associations, but most to property developers. This figure includes just under 100 homes at RAF Finningley last November.



Houses at RAF Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire: developers are competing to buy

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Prima donna of the demi-monde: Rosa Mannion prepares for the Coliseum's *La traviata*



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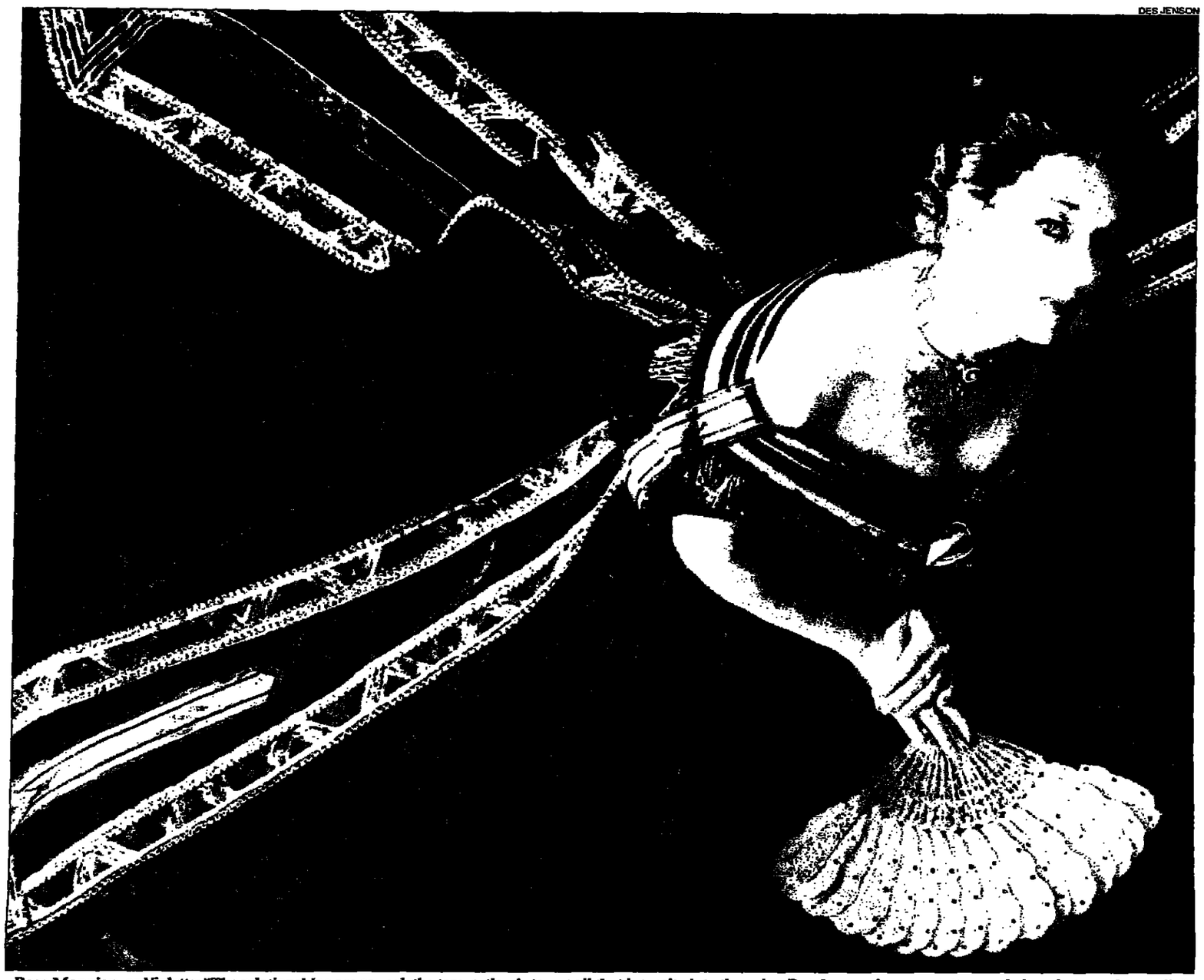


■ ON FRIDAY

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OPERA: **Hilary Finch** on Rosa Mannion, the soprano who sings the doomed heroine in Jonathan Miller's new staging of *La traviata*

A new Violetta for the Coliseum



DES JENSON

Rosa Mannion, as Violetta: "The relationships are so real, the temptation is to put all that intensity into the voice. But the emotions mustn't overwhelm what you do vocally"

Eavesdropping in a café not far from the Coliseum. It's a few days into rehearsals for Jonathan Miller's new production of *La traviata* at English National Opera, and there's a heavy scene, between scenes, over a bowl of taco chips. An American singer (judging by his voice, his pocket score) is facing an English doctor of medicine (judging by his expression of concern) who is giving him gentle directorial advice. "Reach out to her, across that vast space between you. As if . . . it was all your fault that any of this ever happened."

But of course the New York baritone Christopher Robertson is hardly to blame — and nor is Dr Miller for that matter — for all that Rosa Mannion, singing her first Violetta in this *Traviata*, will suffer in her short life as Verdi's Dame aux camélias. The role of Violetta is, after all, a natural step for Mannion after her Gilda in *Rigoletto* at ENO two years ago; and there's nothing particularly daunting in it for her from a vocal point of view. But, as that café exchange suggested, the production itself is likely to give the withers a wringing.

"The relationships are so real, that the temptation is to put all that intensity into the voice," Mannion says. "But the emotions mustn't overwhelm what you do vocally. It's to do with pacing the role."

Pacing her own career is something at which Mannion has shown herself expert. After three years (1989-92) as a principal soprano at ENO, she has been travelling to Lisbon and Amsterdam with John Eliot Gardiner as his Dorabella, to Berlin for *Rosenkavalier*'s Sophie, to Paris, to Salzburg, and to Aix-en-Provence with William Christie and Les Arts Florissants. While she has felt that ENO has been a welcoming home base, Mannion seems to be yet another example of an English singer offered major roles in big European houses — but not (except for one Pamina) at Covent Garden.

Not that her career has ever been predictable. It began with a sudden veering-off-course. At 18 she gave up her place at the Royal Liverpool Teaching Hospital and rushed to Scotland for a last-minute audition at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music. Three years later she was catapulted into Scottish Opera as Adina in *L'elisir d'amore*; a three-year contract followed.

"I really wasn't prepared for the business. I hadn't a clue how it all worked." She walked into a stack of hoes in Graham Vick's "farmyard" production of the Donizetti, and was knocked unconscious. At five hours' notice she sang Constanze at Glyndebourne. And she sang the role on tour later, five months pregnant and racing off stage after every aria, sick as a dog.

And now, at 34, Violetta. "Yes — a big breath! Violetta is, after all, incredibly bright, incredibly beautiful. And yet, coming from a background of rural poverty, she has no normal way into society. So she has to climb an alternative ladder, in the demi-monde.

"She equates Alfredo — young, innocent, clean-cut — with her health. She thinks that if she throws in her lot with him, it'll bring back her health. When he leaves her, she nosedives to death. And when he returns, she realises that it isn't enough. Her love of him and her love of life part. That's the only way I can make sense of it."

● *La traviata opens at the Coliseum (0171-632 8300) tomorrow*

. . . and fresh hope in Wales

An opera house may yet be built in Cardiff. **Simon Tait** reports

Next Monday, almost nine months after the Millennium Commission consigned the Cardiff Bay Opera House to the list of National Lottery might-have-beens, a new lottery bid starts its perilous journey through the minefield.

It is for a music theatre to provide a home for Welsh National Opera on the same site, and it is supported by the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation (CBDC). But there any similarity with Zaha Hadid's ill-fated "glass necklace" opera house ends.

This is something else: a partnership between an opera company and a national museum for a joint cultural centre. "The Wales Millennium Centre" is its working title, notable for the absence of that tricky word "opera".

The new bid has a 2,000-seat theatre as big as Hadid's. But it also has a waterfront museum for the National Museum of Wales, a new administrative home for WNO, a rehearsal stage, an Imax cinema and a block of shops. In the words of Michael Boyce, chief executive of the CBDC: "It's simply more for less."

The less is the cost, about 75 per cent of the previous scheme which was wound up in March. That scheme, according to Boyce, had its priorities inverted: design first, then purpose, public support and finally finance. The new Wales Millennium Centre Company is starting with finance and working through to design. No architect is likely to be named before the end of September.

Boyce is undismayed by the call from Lord Rogers and the RIBA (in support of Hadid) for architects to boycott the competition to design the new Bay building. "It will not be designed and it will not be designed by Zaha Hadid. But architectural practices of local, national and international repute have applied," he says.

More than 30 firms have tendered and some on the list are, indeed, very big. "It is outrageous that the architectural profession should seek to dictate who designs buildings," says Boyce, adding that Hadid's design was frankly not liked in Cardiff and, at £94 million, was also expensive.

The new plan is for a building costing maybe £70 million, possibly in the shape of a quadrangle with a central courtyard. And it involves not a single bid but three bids: to the Millennium Fund, the Arts Council of Wales and the National Heritage Lottery Fund.

The official stumbling block last year was the business plan. Cardiff Council saw the original opera house scheme as being in direct competition with a new "millennium" rugby stadium, so it would not pledge revenue funding. But now that the stadium has its promise of lottery money, the council has relented — provided there is no call on the council-tax payer and no programming competition for the council-subsidised New Theatre or St David's Hall.

Boyce is convinced that by November 11, when bids must be in, the plan will be ready. The new hall would open on March 11, 2001.

According to Anthony Freud, the director of WNO, the idea that the building will be only for "elitist" opera is a misconception, given that the opera company will be resident for only 20 weeks of the year. "It was always going to be a multipurpose theatre, a more buoyant and a more appealing place than people supposed," he says.

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96: Yan Pascal Tortelier conducts the **BBC Philharmonic** in a Gallic-flavoured programme: Henri Dutilleux's Violin Concerto, *L'Arbre des songes*, and Messiaen's *Turangalila Symphony* — a Proms favourite. With Olivier Charlier, violin, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano, and Valerie Hartmann-Claverie, ondes martenot. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm

LAND OF SMILES Stars of the Vienna Volksoper perform Franz Lehár's operetta, in the original German, which includes the famous aria *You Are My Heart's Delight*. The narrator is Adele Leigh, and Richard Stamp conducts the Academy of London. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm

WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF? Diana Rigg and David Suchet in Howard Davies's staging of Albee's most famous play. With Clare Holman and Lloyd Owen. **Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 3pm. Opens Sept 25, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 3pm. Until October 26

ELSEWHERE

BRIGHTON Stage One Theatre Company presents **Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure at Sir Arthur Sullivan's**. The Baker Street sleuth is invited to present two of his best-known exploits as part of a gala evening at the home of the Victorian composer. A tale of love, fear, revenge, blackmail, murder — with a touch of operetta. **Komedia**, Manchester Street (01273 277772). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

CARDIFF Michael Flatley's Celtic dance extravaganza **Lord of the Dance** picks up where *Riverdance* left off. **International Arena**, Mary Ann Street (01222 224488). Tonight, 8pm.

GUILDFORD Frank McGuinness explores the daily crises endured by hostages in **Someone Who'll Watch Over Me**. In a dark cell, an American, an Irishman and an Englishman try to come to terms with their captivity. Together they fight for their sanity — their strength coming from communication, humour and faith. With Nic Paris, Jonathan Hutchins and Ben Francas. Directed by Maggie Lilley. **Yvonne Arnaud, Mill Studio**, Millbrook (01483 440000). Tonight-Fri, 8pm.

LEEDS The autumn season opens with **The Crucible**, staged by the Georgian director David Doiashvili, whose *King Lear* played at this year's Edinburgh Festival. **Quarry**, West Yorkshire Playhouse (0113-244 2111). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed (Sept 18, 25, Oct 2), 2pm. Sat (Sept 21, 28), 3pm. Until October 5.

MANCHESTER Returns only for the first concert to be given at the city's new international concert venue. Kent Nagano conducts the **Hallé Orchestra** and Choir in the *National Anthem*, followed by the premiere of a new work by George Benjamin, *Sometime Voices*. Elgar's *Enigma Variations* and Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast* complete the programme. With Thomas Allen, baritone. Repeated on Friday. **Bridgewater Hall**, Lower Mosley Street (0161-907 9000). Tonight, 7.30pm

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☐ **THE ASPERN PAPERS** Michael Redgrave's slightly old-fashioned version of the Henry James tale of literary skulduggery. With Hannah Gordon, Daniel J. Travanti, Moira Lister. **Wyndhams**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ **BY JEEVES** Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes. **Duke of York's**, St Martin's Lane, W1 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **DIAL "M" FOR MURDER** Wife-killing thriller, written when phone numbers still included letters — and its old age is self-evident. **Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

◪ **FAUST Part 1**: Michael Bogdanov's mighty two-part production of Goethe's drama, with Michael Feast in the lead. **The Pit, Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). In preview tonight, 7.15pm. Opens Sept 13, 7pm

☐ **THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT** Con O'Neill and Paul Jesson in James Garner's new play, set in wartime Poland. Directed by John Dove. **Hampstead** Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 3.30pm

☐ **THE HEIDI CHRONICLES** Wendy Wasserstein's superficial (but prize-winning) account of a woman's experience of 25 years of feminism. **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until October 5.

☐ **JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN** Paul Scofield, Vanessa Redgrave, Eileen Atkins and Michael Bryant, directed by Richard Eyre. A mighty cast for Ibsen's penultimate play, concerned with guilt, remorse and reconciliation. **National Theatre** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm, in rep

☐ **KISS THE SKY** Jim Cartwright's flower children enjoy the summer of love. Good tunes, bad trip. **Shepherds Bush Empire**, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-740 7474). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until September 14.

☐ **ROMANCE, ROMANCE** British premiere of the 1988 Broadway musical, by Keith Herrmann and Barry Harman, presenting two views of romance: Schnitzler's in turn-of-the-century Vienna and a modern contrast. **Bridewell**, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, EC4 (0171-936 3456). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Sept 13.

☐ **THEY SHOOT HORSES DON'T THEY** The National Youth Theatre's annual season opens with the stage version of Horace McCoy's searing novel describing the dance marathons of the American Depression. The theatre is turned into a dance hall with a live band playing. Edward Wilson directs. **Bloomsbury**, Gordon Street, WC1 (0171-388 8822). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat, 3pm. Until September 14

☐ **3Ms BEHAVING**: The three singers from *Ain't Misbehavin'* — Debby Bishop, Dawn Hope, Melanie E. Marshall — in a programme of fave jazz and blues. **Tricycle**, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sun, 8pm

☐ **VOYEURZ**: Loud, titillating and vacuous rock show, mostly about lesbians in New York. Last week. **Whitehall, Whitehall**, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Thurs, 8.45pm, Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9.15pm. Until September 14

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BEAUMARCHAIS (15): Pleasant costume drama about the wily French author of *The Marriage of Figaro*, played by Fabrice Luchini. Director, Edouard Molinaro. **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **DIABOLIQUE** (18): Foolish remake of *Les Diaboliques*, with Sharon Stone and Isabelle Adjani as the women plotting a male brute's murder. **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

FALLEN ANGELS (15): Lonely lives mesh in a Hong Kong that never sleeps. Extreme, stylised drama from cult director Wong Kar-Wai. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

HOLLOW REED (15): Uneven British drama about child abuse, with Martin Donovan, Joely Richardson, and a memorable child performance by Sam Bould. Director, Angela Pope. **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426-915 353) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

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◆ **ERASER** (18): Dishevelled Arnold Schwarzenegger vehicle, with Vanessa Brown, James Caan, and mayhem galore. Director, Charles Russell. **ABC Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

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THE PEREZ FAMILY (15): Wayward tale about Cuban immigrants in Miami, with Marisa Tomei, Alfred Molina, and Anjelica Huston. Director, Mira Nair. **Plaza** ◪ (0990 888990) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030)

◆ **PHENOMENON** (PG): John Travolta's IQ gets a booster shot. Increasingly mawkish comic fantasy. With Kyra Sedgwick. Directed by Jon Turteltaub. **Barbican** ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

POP: Steely Dan's return to Britain; plus Heidi Berry in Dublin



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THE LAST time Steely Dan played in Britain the best-selling artists of the day included the Rubettes and Rick Wakeman. Dinosaurs were no longer walking the earth, but their tracks were still warm.

Steely Dan's 1974 UK tour was never completed, nor revisited. They resumed their role of studio gods and continued to craft some of America's most consistently imaginative rock music of that or any era. But by the early 1980s they had left the studio amid disaffected muttering, seemingly never to reconvene.

So as the years of rumoured rapprochement became reality and transatlantic reports were returned of unmistakable Steely Dan sightings, excitement grew among those of us who had made do for a generation with our crackly vinyl editions of *Katy Lied*, *Pretzel Logic*, *Goucho* and the rest. Could Walter Becker and Donald Fagen really turn this titanic recording legacy into a real live stage event?

Last year's undervalued *Alive in America* album had set the scene, gently breaking in the idea of the latterday Steely Dan Orchestra that started touring the US in 1993. That group featured the most consummate, sympathetic co-workers performing fastidious selections from the band's catalogue. But the anticipation of such an event in a Wembley hangar in the mid-1990s still lent an air of mild disbelief, as one played an unsuccessful round of spot-the-teenager in the mature audience.

Becker and Fagen, pictures of oblivious coolness, led a spotless nine-piece band into *Do It Again*, which was not featured on the live record but had undergone a similarly tasteful jazz reinvention that also served well on *Reelin' In The Years* and *Rikki Don't Lose That Number*. Then came *Bad Sneakers*, each intro greeted with the frisson of viewing a museum exhibit that suddenly starts moving after 20 years in its case.

No sign, either, of the perceived lofty dissidents of Steely Dan's studio years (perceived, latterly, through the thick gauze of only the occasional encounter with the press). Fagen, not renowned for his communicative skills, was even to tell us from beneath his shades: "You're great — this is going to be fun."

He was right, too. The duo's deserved reputation for musical precision may have meant this was not the most spontaneous show of the season, but you could only marvel at such pristine renewal of Steely Dan myth, from *Hey Nineteen* to *Green Earrings* to *Kid Charlemagne* and another dozen of their recorded glories.

There was even Becker's introduction of the new composition, *Jack of Speed*, a piece very much in keeping with the group's tasteful middle age, which they threaten to record this winter for an album to appear "sometime during our lifetime". We waited this long; another few years among Dan fanatics will fly by.

PAUL SEXTON

Sensual Celtic soundscapes

Heidi Berry
Whelan's, Dublin

OF THE multitude of live attractions at this year's *In the City* international music industry convention — held in various venues around Dublin for the first time — few were as promising as Heidi Berry's first headlining show in the Irish capital.

Despite possessing a back catalogue which boasts some of the most evocative and finely crafted music of the past ten years, the elegant English chanteuse has remained a closely guarded secret.

Given the dimly lit surroundings, it seemed appropriate that Berry should open with her version of Jesse Collin Young's *Darkness, Darkness*, a song lifted from her recent album *Miracle*. Indeed, the bulk of the set showcased this record, and if its pleasures are a little less immediate than the sensual rapture of its predecessors, that is only because the new songs are wrapped in folk-tinged, almost Celtic soundscapes, and demand intense engagement rather than passive admiration: a task made all the more manageable by the sound of Berry's captivating voice winding itself sleekly around the words like a spiral staircase, as on *Time, Holy Grail* or the title track, *Miracle*.

The band was not as comfortable with some of the material as it might have been had this concert been at the end rather than the beginning of a tour. This is not to take away from the occasionally inspired solos of violinist Jill Morley, whose virtuosity was displayed to full effect on *The Mountain* and the finale, *Northern Country*.

Older favourites, such as the atmospheric *Cradle* and the rarely played *Washington Square*, were excavated from the superb 1991 album *Love*, and it is songs of this calibre that make you wonder just why Heidi Berry has not had the commercial success she deserves.

NICK KELLY

Sounds of the north

IT WAS Anne Sofie von Otter who sang the Wigmore Hall into spring: and the Swedish mezzo-soprano returned to open a new season which has become quite the most eagerly awaited sign of the start of London's musical autumn.

In April von Otter and her pianist Bengt Forsberg had indulged themselves — and a far from unwilling audience — in an orgy of little-known but rapidly addictive Swedish Golden Age song. They went back to that turning century on Saturday, gently wooing the audience with two songs by Hugo Alfven from 1908.

Sibelius and Grieg followed and, in a programme to be completed by Schubert and Strauss, it was these composers' settings of German poets which dominated.

Sibelius's beloved Finnish nature-poet, Johan Ludvig Runeberg, was not forgotten, though. Von Otter is a great advocate of these still under-performed songs, and the full range of her voice, from the firm, dark tints of its lower regions to its light, ever-brightening upper register, brought the colours and energies of a mythic Gallen-Kallela canvas to the long narrative of *Under strandens granar* (*Under the fir trees by the shore*). Originally planned as an orchestral tone-poem, the song plays out a water-nymph's seduction, amid resounding echoes of both the Finnish folk-hero Lemminkainen and the darker German Erlkönig.

And then the clear mountain air of Grieg. Even when setting the German language, his songs ring with the cadences of his native folksong; and von Otter relishes every minute of it. Her obvious love for this repertoire is beginning to be matched by an ever-deepening engagement with the songs of Schubert. Her brisk, intense performance of *Der Wanderer an den Mond* was thought-provoking; her choice of the harrowing and challenging *Totengrubers Heimweh* entirely characteristic.

After four Richard Strauss songs came three encores: a tiny Grieg song; Percy Grainger's *The British Waterside*; and a final, visionary Schubert, *Im Abendrot*.

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Rats in the attic



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Kindertransport
Vaudeville

A new play has opened in the West End. You may wish to read that sentence again, for it contains a statement rarely uttered. Take a glance at the theatre ads opposite: thirty-something major venues, and if the RSC and National are left out of the calculation, and musicals likewise, we have a choice of only nine straight plays, seven of them revivals and the other three, a "saucy comedy" and two thrillers, permanent fixtures.

Without the outlying fringe of smaller theatres London would be offering little new work capable of striking the heart like a match. It was at such a theatre, the Cockpit, off Lisson Grove, that Diane Samuels's *Kindertransport* blazed into the memory of those who saw it in 1993. At long last, and after productions in New York and five other American cities, in Austria, Germany and Sweden, the play has managed to reach a commercial theatre in the West End, where it is again directed by Abigail Morris, whose Soho Theatre Company first presented it. Her production was seen at Watford earlier this year.

Thanks to Robert Browning, Britons who have not actually met a rat-catcher picture him dressed in red and yellow, playing a pipe to lure rodents to the river or children into a mountain cave. On the Continent he is altogether more sinister, and the story of *der Rattenfänger* terrifies eight-year-old Eva when her mother reads it to her.

Eva is menaced by other terrors, for this is Hamburg in 1938 and her family is Jewish. After *Kristallnacht* her mother (Sian Thomas) makes the agonising decision to send her to the safety of England, assuring her that she and the child's father will follow shortly. War breaks out before they can do so, and the play raises this fearful, unanswerable question. Would the children who never saw their parents again have been — how can one put this? — *happier* in the long run, to have died with *their* families in the camps?

Samuels sets her play in the attic of the comfortable Manchester house now owned by middle-aged Evelyn, the brittle, chilling woman Eva grew up to become. Her own daughter Faith (Dido Miles) is setting up home and Evelyn is examining the neatly packed boxes — everything in her life must be neat — to supply Faith's material needs.

Her emotional needs she has difficulty supplying, for the past must be concealed, at all costs. Eventually the child-destroying rat-catcher is identified, shockingly, as everyone who once felt they were acting as the child's saviour.

In Morris's smoothly flowing production the play's cathartic power is so strong that occasional stiffnesses in the writing are cavils too minor to itemise. Diana Quick's brusque Evelyn also begins stiffly until, with her cry of alarm at the resurfacing past, she sends shivers down the spine. What Samuels does so well is blend past and present time, so that Jean Boht's Lil, the good-hearted, no-nonsense woman who adopts the child, telescopes 40 years into a single breath. Julia Malewski's Eva, her heart deadened, perches on a pile of suitcases staring at the person she became.

The extra turn of the screw comes when, against all odds, Eva's mother survives the war. The rear wall of Tom Piper's set flies up and Thomas, fearfully changed, walks cautiously to meet the daughter who dares not welcome her. The last request she makes of the child echoes in the memory as an expression of the pain and dignity this play so honestly reaches.

MYSTERIES OF ANCIENT CHINA

The British Museum's magnificent Mysteries of Ancient China show opens on Friday. Richard Cork continues a daily series highlighting the exhibition's glories



Human-like head

ALTHOUGH this outstanding sculpture was discovered with 40 other heads in a pit at Sanxingdui, only two of them are decorated with gold leaf. So the features depicted here might belong to someone with an exalted status. His ears project sharply from his head, prominent enough to suggest an unusual ability to detect sounds at a great distance. He seems to widen his mouth in a confident smile, but there is something sinister about the extreme thinness of his lips.

This is, surely, an implacable man. His eyes, untouched by the gold leaf, are rendered as stylised lines. They appear to be all-seeing, and the green bronze brows above them stretch in expansive curves across his forehead.

When the head was first buried around 1200 BC, the gold would have extended to the base of his chin. Only the long neck, the eyes and brows would have been left untouched, and the head was probably crowned by a cap. He would have appeared even more impersonal than he does now. The gold leaf gleams in the light, suggesting either supernatural powers or the capacity to thrive in the spirit world.

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TOMORROW
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MELVILLE'S novella *Bartleby* tells of a mild-mannered young man who obtains a position in a respectable Wall Street law office, where he works with sober efficiency until, one day, he finds he can do so no longer. When his employer, Mr Standard, asks the reason, all he will answer is: "I would prefer not to."

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We are left to assume that he became paralysed with horror at the endless dreary life of a copy-clerk, trapped in a street of walls. His polite expression of revolt disconcerts a system that requires unquestioning subservience, and in Jonathan Holloway's production for Red Shift, Simon Startin, with his strangely unfocused gaze upon his anxious employer (Edward Halsted, excellent), he conveys passive desperation to a quite astonishing degree.

The entire production was one of the strongest offerings of this year's Edinburgh Fringe, and Larry Lane's adaptation preserves the artful delicacy in Melville's storytelling. Recommended.

BBC PROMS: The BBC National Orchestra of Wales in Spanish mood; plus a whistle-stop tour at the Junior Prom

Enjoyable nights of novelty

FOR its final pair of Proms the **BBC National Orchestra of Wales** fielded its chief guest conductor, David Atherton, on Sunday night and its conductor laureate, Tadaaki Otaka, on Monday, *Barry Millington writes*. The Spanish theme ran prominently through the former concert, with Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio espagnol*, de Falla's *El Amor Brujo*, and a real novelty: Five Negro Songs by the Catalan composer Xavier Monsalvatge.

The jazz rhythms and harmonies of the Negro Songs recalled Milhaud, but what made them special was the subtlety of scoring, lending a wonderfully smoky, positively louche air to several of them. Particularly delightful was the *Lullaby for a Little Black Boy*, crooned by Della Jones to the manner born. Jones was also the soloist in the Falla, bringing her worldly wise delivery to the *Song of Painful Love* and other vocal items. Atherton secured warm coloration from the orchestra and enough rhythmic impetus in the *Ritual Fire Dance* to galvanise the attention without pummelling the listener.

Colour is a dominant concern in Takemitsu's compositions, not least in *Star-Isle*, the first work of the concert under Otaka. I enjoyed Otaka's sympathetic handling of this short but graphically atmospheric score. Less gratifying was the account of Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 3, with Leif Ove Andsnes the inexpressive soloist.

Anthony Powers's *Symphony*, commissioned by the David James Music Trust and receiving its world premiere, is a substantial, four-movement work. Some of the primary material is not unduly promising — the ungrateful writing for horns was not helped by the slithery execution — but Powers makes imaginative use of it. It returns to satisfying effect in the finale, before which there have been two movements even more impressive: an invigorating Scherzo in which hunks of sax-driven sound are hurled around, and a long-breathed, richly sonorous elegy.

THERE were some complaints, I believe, that at the Proms Family Concert a fortnight ago there was no friendly presenter on hand. *Hilary Finch writes*. Well, at the **Junior Prom** (the first ever of its kind, and featuring at least 3,000 children), Tony Robinson was the longed-for disc jockey-cum-courier as the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Ronald Corp, spun off *Around the World in Eighty Days*.

It was fast and loud, and so was he. But be not misled. If there really do have to be Children's Concerts then this Junior Prom turned out to be as creditable as any. There was, blissfully, no dissection: either of the orchestra itself or of the music. Instead, entire and exciting pieces were allowed to speak for themselves. The whistle-stop tour sped from Portsmouth (*Pineapple Poll*) to France (Offenbach's Can-Can) via the MGV (Michael Nyman's *Musique à Grande Vitesse*) with the greatest of ease because of, rather than despite, Robinson's links.

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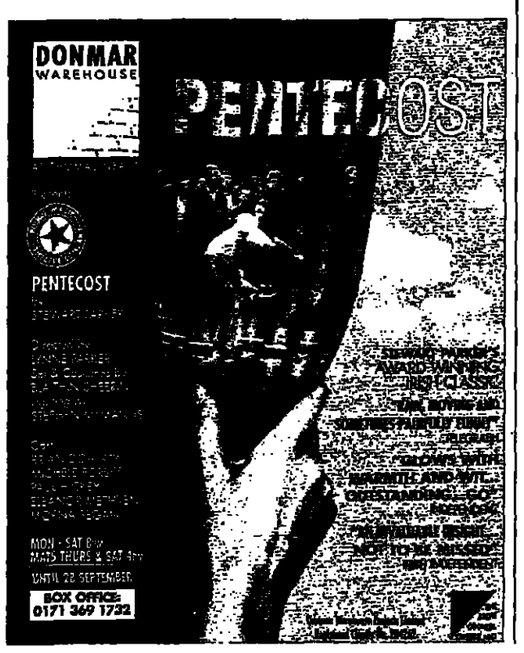
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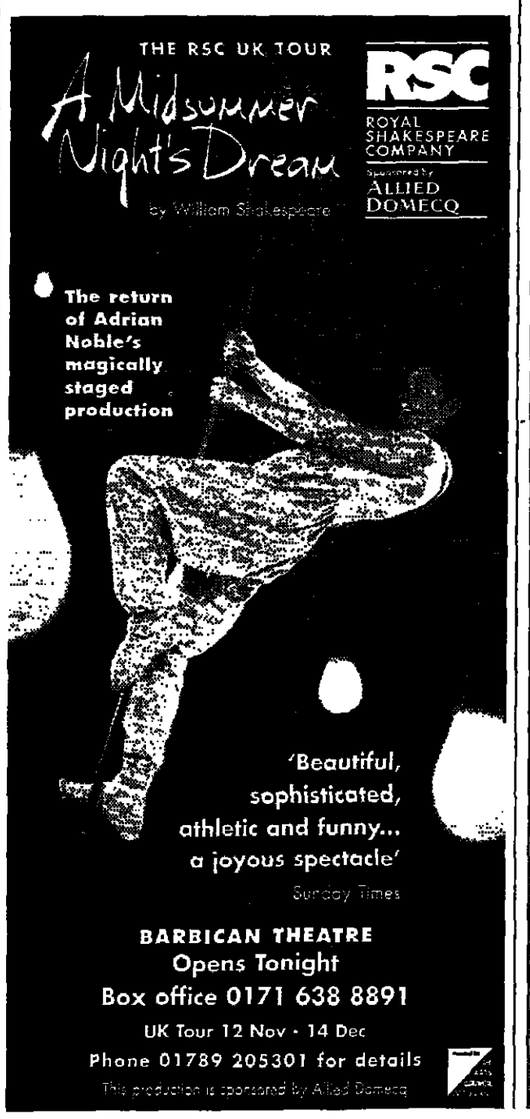
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BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

CONFUSION within rugby union is not confined to the British Isles. Yesterday, one end of the world believed an international match between England and Australia would take place at Twickenham on December 7 while, at the other end, the fixture was denied, albeit with some reluctance.

Discussions, which began at the International Rugby Football Board's tours committee meeting in Cardiff last week, ended with the announcement in Sydney of an additional match in the tour by Australia to Italy, Scotland, Ireland and Wales this autumn. The traditional game with the Barbarians was to be shunted back to midweek. John O'Neill claimed, and the touring side would play England on the Saturday instead.

Not only that. According to O'Neill, the Australian Rugby Union's chief executive, there will be a grand-slam tour of Britain and Ireland every four years. "We are delighted by this outcome," O'Neill said, though surprise was more the emotion of his counterparts in the northern hemisphere.

Ray Williams, chairman of the four home unions' tours committee, hastened to redress the balance with the full support of the Rugby Football Union (RFU). "A proposal was put to a recent meeting of the committee that Australia play England rather than the Barbarians on December 7," Williams said. "But the Barbarians' match against the touring team is a very special fixture. It was agreed that it was not possible to change the international calendar at such short notice.

"We did look very hard at a number of alternative ways in which a grand-slam fixture might be accommodated, but the difficulties were insurmountable. Over 30,000 tickets have already been sold for the Barbarians' match at Twickenham and, all in all, we consider it in the best interests of all four home unions that the present arrangements stand."

The fact that England have a full first-division league programme on December 7 may also have been germane to the argument, given the poor state of relationships between the RFU and the leading clubs. The clubs, assuming they have not broken away entirely and denied their players international matches by then, are already destined to lose their leading lights to England for a fortnight when the national team plays Italy (November 23) and the New Zealand Barbarians (November 30), and for a further week prior to the game against Argentina (December 14).

An RFU spokesman admitted that a fixture with Australia would be hugely attractive. "But there is an equal attraction for the Barbarians game and the clubs propose to support the Barbarians," he added. As matters stand, the Australians will play Italy (October 23), Scotland (November 9), Ireland (November 23) and Wales (December 1).

But O'Neill did make the point that the southern-hemisphere powers could not rely exclusively on fixtures with each other. "I think we recognise Australia playing New Zealand and South Africa all the time is not for the betterment of the game," he said. "If there is this perceived gap [in playing standards] — and I think the results show there is a gap between southern and northern-hemisphere rugby — the way to close it is to play each other more regularly."

☐ Wales will name a squad today for the game with France, in Cardiff on September 25.

Anglo-Welsh matches off to chaotic start

IT MAY have seemed like a good idea at one time, but the Anglo-Welsh tournament began this week in a state of disarray (David Hands writes). Though it has received the official sanction of the respective unions, the management and competition rules are sadly lacking, one attractive match has already dropped by the wayside, and the hastily-contrived television coverage has fallen through, if only temporarily.

The Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) believed it had in place an arrangement with BBC Wales and S4C, the Welsh language channel, to cover the game between Neath and Bristol last night, and the one at Bridgend tonight, where Wasps are the visitors. But the broadcasters, unhappy at the level of co-operation they have received from the clubs, have withdrawn, though they will meet the WRU later this week.

As usual it is the players who could rescue the tournament: Bath and Swansea, for example, put genuine XVs on show at the Recreation ground tonight, the English club fielding their imports from Wigan. Henry Paul and Jason Robinson, against a Swansea back division including Scott Gibbs. Richard Webster plays in the Bath back row against his old club for whom Anthony Clement appears at full back after an 11-month absence.

Childish delight denied to big names

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View



LIONEL CIRONNEAU



Hill (left) and Fry, two sportsmen from different eras with different approaches to their sporting pursuits

And for a moment the thought occurred, perhaps the old farts were right after all. On Sunday I was with 8,000 people watching 30 men playing professional rugby union at a football ground, and the talk was all of big money and big hits, television revenue and the next superstar signing.

The farts have been blown away by the typhoons and hurricanes of change. Rugby union has gone spinning and reeling into the post-fartist world, where the sport you love is called "the product", its unique beauties are called "the image" and the standard wisdom of the time is that "we're part of the entertainment industry". And everywhere, men in sharp suits or sponsored boots are dancing on the grave of fartism.

Fartism must not pass unmourned. Certainly, fartism, as skewered by that stray remark of Will Carling's, has been for years a nonsense. But like many other nonsenses, fartism has at its heart an important truth.

True fartism was, of course, a hypocrisy. It was based on an untruth: that rugby union was an amateur game. Fartism believed its own lie: that payment by backhander and favour was morally superior to a wage. The game became an increasingly crazy and tottering structure, and, in the end, it had to collapse.

And so rugby union is now a professional sport, like rugby league, like football, like Formula One motor racing. Which is all very well as far as the end of hypocrisy goes. But at the heart of fartism was the kernel of truth: that there is some good in *real* amateurism.

Let us go back to Formula One and to Damon Hill as he clipped the tyres at the chicane during the Italian Grand Prix last Sunday. One moment he had the world championship in his hand; the next, as if he were a man seizing a handful of water, it had gone.

He was wearing overalls, fireproof boots and a huge helmet, the camera only caught him in long-shot, and yet it was impossible to miss his despair. The carriage of the head said it all. This was not the disappointment of a man having a bit of fun on a Sunday afternoon. No, this was deep and bitter anguish.

This was a man whose entire life, his entire being, his entire conception of his place in the universe depends on his prowess at driving in motor-car races. An error cannot be laughed off, for it asks the most profound and uncomfortable questions about the nature and meaning of his life. That is why Formula One is riveting to so many people; that is why sport commands such massive worldwide attention. We see people playing spectacular games for the highest possible stakes. And their elation and their despair fills our screens, our living rooms, our minds. And it is, in a way, too much.

Ask a professional actor about the difference between professional and amateur theatre, and you will always get the same answer. One has as its priority the pleasure of the audience, the other the pleasure of the cast.

As an amateur, you can take defeat and victory in your stride and know them for the impostors they are, because for you, it does not matter. That glorious cross-country ride at Potton, that defiance of the Nicky Bird XI, that saving of Mark Wong's penalty: simple joys I have known from simple kids' games.

Had my life, or my livelihood, or my sense of self-worth depended on such moments, how much greater would have been my triumph? And how much greater my despair at that rider-led refusal, that dropped catch, that missed cross? No. Ghastly. Doesn't bear thinking about.

Sports were not supposed to be played for such high stakes. They were always supposed to be a bit of fun: laugh off both victory and defeat with a quip and handshake, and a shared beer. Games are there to play intensely, in the knowledge that neither victory nor defeat really matters. And so you lose for an afternoon the responsibilities of adulthood in a child's game.

All sport was once like this: what you did *as well*. Think of C. B. Fry, who played cricket and football for England and, as a little bonus, held the world long jump record for 21 years. But he was not a professional sportsman: what he *was*, was a classicist. Sport was what he did as well.

Modern sport does not begin to compare with such things, with such a time. It is professional, and therefore, intense to the point of lunacy and beyond. Sport was never intended to bear such things, the weight of the ambitions of a lifetime, of a nation. But it does, and from that lunacy comes the compelling nature of modern professional sport.

We live in an age of sporting madness, as any unbiased skimming of these pages will tell you. No professional rugby union player will have a light heart this weekend: it is more than his job is worth. Rugby, like every other elite sport, cannot possess the simple light-hearted joys that every amateur knows.

That thing that the old farts valued had already been gone for years from elite rugby union, but that did not mean it was worthless. We who play for simple-minded fun, we who play from mere childish delight, possess something that the great athletes of the world can never know.

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TENNIS: MILLIGAN PRODUCES COURAGEOUS PERFORMANCE BUT GOES OUT AGAINST SECOND SEED AT BOURNEMOUTH

Rusedski benefits on day of mixed fortune for Britons

By Alix Ramsay

EVEN the best-laid plans can go awry, especially when the plans involve playing tennis during what passes for the British summer. In a chill and overcast Bournemouth, Andrei Medvedev, the No 4 seed, was sent packing by Tom Kempers, a qualifier ranked 512 in the world. Greg Rusedski was preparing for a tough first-round match against João Cunha-Silva, only to face a last-minute replacement, while the No 2 seed, Felix Mantilla, had to work much harder than he thought to get past Luke Milligan. It was that sort of day.

All things considered, Rusedski fared better than most. Ten minutes before he was due to go on court he was told that Cunha-Silva, from Portugal, had an injured knee and had pulled out. His place was taken by Bernardo Mota, also from Lisbon, but ranked 327, a fact that made Rusedski's day a lot brighter — "actually I was quite pleased," he said with the customary grin. No wonder: he dismantled Mota's challenge, 6-1, 6-2, in a fraction under an hour.

It has been a disappointing year for Rusedski so far. He has almost done well, pushing Becker, Sampras, Courier and Rosset to the limit but never quite making the breakthrough. Meanwhile, his ranking has slipped to 75 while Tim Henman has stolen the limelight and the computer points. Suddenly the novelty seems to have worn off both Rusedski and his career.

"It all has to do with maturing as a player," he said. "Your first year or two on the tour you are not expecting to beat the big players, you're more relaxed and it is easier to concentrate. I think, at the moment, my concentration has to be at a higher level. I'm not losing matches because of my game, but because of the mental side."

Not that Mota was going to tax Rusedski's intellect too much. Serving better than he has managed in the past few weeks, sending down ten aces, he was simply too good for Mota. But with Rusedski there is always the danger that his game-plan can have the subtlety of a sledgehammer with the touch to match. Against Daniel Orsanic, from Argentina, he may not find life quite so easy.

It certainly was not easy for Medvedev. For two hours, he struggled to get to grips with the green clay beneath his feet and failed miserably, losing 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 to Kempers, of Holland. By his standard, it has been an unhappy year for Medvedev. Two years ago, he was ranked No 4 in the world, now he languishes at 31 with only one title to his name this year.

"Transferring from the hard courts at the US Open to clay has been difficult. For some reason, I couldn't adjust," he said. "This is my first time on green clay and it is very different from red. It is slower and harder to make winners."

Milligan's day was better than he had expected. Playing Mantilla, the No 2 seed and No 16 in the world, he put up a fine fight but could not match the power of the 21-year-old Spaniard and lost 6-4, 6-1. His plan had been to trade shots from the baseline for a couple of games to see what Mantilla could do and then take a few risks to see if he could stop him. Sometimes it worked, more often it did not. But all in all, Milligan was not too upset.

His summer has been productive, reaching the third round at Wimbledon and claiming his place in the Britain Davis Cup squad. But although the brief spell in the headlines was enjoyable, Milligan's present aims are a little more down to earth. His ranking is not affected by his fame and his next goal is to break into the top 180 and out of the round of challenger tournaments.

But before that — "I have four tournaments coming up where, hopefully, I can get my ranking up" — there is that matter of the Davis Cup in ten days' time.

In one of the few matches to go according to the form book, Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, the No 5 seed, beat Nuno Marques, of Portugal, 6-1, 6-2.



Bruguera: straight-sets win

JULIAN HERBERT



Rusedski launches a powerful service on his way to victory over the replacement, Mota

GOLF

England's nap hand threatened by Scots

By Patricia Davies

HISTORY suggests that Scotland will win the women's home internationals, which start at Longniddry, a few miles east of Edinburgh, today. England, the defending champions, are seeking their fifth consecutive title, but on the previous two occasions that they attempted to win five in a row, at Prince's in 1974 and Royal St David's in 1979, they were thwarted by the Scots.

Last year, at Wrexham, it seemed as though Wales might triumph for the first time. They beat England for the first time but, on the final day, lost narrowly to Scotland and England took the trophy. Linda Bayman, England's exuberant, if sometimes tactless, captain, was so delighted she offered to buy Gladys Cadden, the Scotland captain, a large whisky. The suggestion was scotched as quickly as it was broached, for the Scots just hate the thought of helping the Auld Enemy win at anything, let alone golf.

This year, in terms of Curtis Cup players — those who participated in the defeat of the Americans at Killarney in June — the sides are evenly matched. Scotland boast Mhairi McKay and Alison Rose, and England have Elaine Ratcliffe and Karen Stupples. McKay and Ratcliffe will be partners again in November, when they join Janice Moodie in the Great Britain and Ireland side to contest the Espirito Santo, the women's world amateur team championship, in Manila.

Moodie is not available at Longniddry because she is at college in California and England have lost the experience of two Curtis Cup players: Lisa Educate, who has turned professional, and Julie Hall, who is now the Ladies' Golf Union's tournament administrator.

England, who play Wales today, have drafted in Emma Fields, of Falmouth, to replace Sarah Gallagher, the English strokeplay champion, who had to forgo her debut because of injury.

Ireland, a side with a look that is nothing if not experienced, but who last won the title in 1986, play Scotland.

IN BRIEF

White's season stalls at the start

JIMMY WHITE was beaten 5-3 by Brian Morgan in the opening round of the Asian Classic in Bangkok yesterday and, on this form, will struggle to bounce back from the worst season of his career (Phil Yates writes).

White, who failed to figure in a single semi-final last season, led 3-1, having produced a 33 clearance to steal the third frame on the black. However, Morgan, the world No 49, from Southend, assumed control in the latter stages as White grew increasingly impatient with his own inability to flow.

Steve Davis, also attempting to erase the memory of a poor 1995-96 campaign, beat Stephen Murphy, of Dublin, 5-2, while Ronnie O'Sullivan had a swashbuckling 5-1 win over Steve James.

Sibling rivals

Motor racing: Ralf Schumacher, younger brother of the Formula One world champion, Michael, is set to join his sibling on the grand-prix circuit next season, according to *Bild*, the German daily newspaper. It said that Ralf, 21, who leads the Formula 3000 standings, would sign for the Jordan team before the Portuguese Grand Prix in Estoril on September 22.

Becker setback

Tennis: Boris Becker was forced to retire from his first-round match in the Romanian Open yesterday when he suffered a recurrence of the wrist injury that ended his Wimbledon campaign. The world No 6, from Germany, was trailing the unseeded Christian Ruud, of Norway, 5-3 in his comeback match at the time.

Jalabert leads

Cycling: Laurent Jalabert, of France, kept his overall lead after the fourth stage of the Tour of Spain from Albacete to Merci yesterday. Jalabert, the winner last year, finished in the leading group of five riders and avoided trouble two kilometres from the end when a dozen riders were brought down on roads made treacherous by rain.

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ENGLISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION OVER-55 CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals: At Nottingham: Singles: E Furze (Somerset) bt J Dowler (Hertfordshire) 21-8, K Ashby (Warwickshire) bt P Bryant (Berkshire) 21-12, G Tyas (Surrey) bt A Flegg (Suffolk) 21-6, W Hayward (Sussex) bt J Goodge (Leicestershire) 21-16. Pairs: P Pinnegar and R Hennessy (Gloucestershire) bt R Shilling and L Anning (Kent) 19-16; K Wardle and R Burch (Devon) bt J James and J Pendley (Essex) 38-14; B and A Walsham (Lincolnshire) bt R Belcher and H Craig (Surrey) 26-18, A Harris and J Swinburne (Wiltshire) bt P Hammond and K Steel (Huntingdonshire) 18-15. At Swindon: Quarter-finals: Singles: J Hodson (Cornwall) bt M Adams (Derbyshire) 21-12; P Jones (Surrey) bt L Hawkins (Warwickshire) 21-20, M Dyer (Somerset) bt E Gerrity (Cumbria) 21-18; J Byford (Essex) bt M Auld (Norfolk) 21-11. Pairs: B Green and E West (Kent) bt M Walters and D Briars (Lincolnshire) 20-18, W Sowerby and A Reeves (Cumbria) bt C Theodorn and R Bond 30-16; D Woodley and W Anderson (Wiltshire) bt S Kelly and O Holmes (Leicestershire) 27-10; E Housden and A Young (Huntingdonshire) bt L Godfrey and J Wilson (Buckinghamshire) 27-13

BROADSTAIRS: Open tournament: Men's singles: Third round: F Cuthbert bt F Gentry 21-9, A Mitchell bt K Wood 21-15, R Cook bt M French 21-13, S Tatnall bt J Ferguson 21-19; N Bishop bt W McGough 21-7; O Morgan bt G Rossiter 21-19; J Knox bt C Pearce 18-17 (time expired), R Biddlecombe bt T Dewey 21-15; L Hawkins bt T Williams 21-16, A Brockwell bt A Dempsey 21-10; J Newman bt H Gold 21-11, D Haddinott bt A Dodd 21-6, G Edson bt C Terry 21-2, D Poole bt L Emmingham 20-18; J Stevens bt C Forrest 21-13; P Wathen bt B Jones 20-17, C Johnson bt P Durrant 21-9; A Morton bt S Simcock 21-6; D Botting bt J Wilson 21-12, C Harrington bt C Crawford 18-10 (time expired), B Fenwick bt F Hayman 21-0; M Winckles bt D Smith 21-18; C Walker bt J Flood 21-16; M Horne bt R Botting 21-8; F Dean bt J Griffiths 20-19; D Briscoe bt K Lawrence 21-9, R Acott bt J White 21-12, R Newbold bt B Slaughter 21-16; K Weyand bt K Wood 21-3, F Marsh bt C Kiddy 21-13; L Ellis bt P Bing 21-15, W Norman bt J Harris 21-10. Women's singles: Second round: R Coleman bt M Medhurst 21-14, J Durrant bt J van-Herzeele 17-16 (time expired); S Griffiths bt P Hutchins 20-11, C Hawton bt M Hann 21-17; J Stern bt J Humphries 21-8; B Ansell bt M Topp 21-8

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Fourth stage (Albacete to Murcia, 166.5km): 1, T Steels (Bel) Mapei 3hr 52min 52sec; 2, M Wust (Ger) MX Onda, 3, G Lombardi (It) Polti; 4, A Gueneteea (Sp) Euskadi, 5, L Jalabert (Fr) ONCE: 6, S Wesemann (Ger) Telekom, 7, T Hoffman (Holl) TVM; 8, B Conte (It) Scrigno; 9, P Chanteur (Fr) Petit Casino, 10, A Edo (Sp) Kelme, 13, M Scandri (GB) Motorola all same time. Overall standings (after four stages): 1, Jalabert 16hr 4min 10sec; 2, F Baldato (It) MG at 4sec, 3, Lombardi at 8sec; 4, J Werner (Ger) Telekom at 19, 5, Wesemann at 24

EQUESTRIANISM

THREE-DAY EVENT WORLD RANKINGS: 1, B Taf (NZ) 424pts; 2, A Nicholson (NZ) 367, 3, M Todd (NZ) 340; 4, D O'Connor (US) 293, 5, M Ryan (Aus) 281; 6, I Stark (GB) 250, 7, J Teulere (Fr) 212, 8, A Hoy (Aus) 199

GOLF

RYDER CUP: Standings: 1, C Montgomerie (GB) 140,701 67pts, 2, M A Martin (Sp) 87,050.00; 3, S Torrance (GB) 85,250.00; 4, M A Jimenez (Sp) 54,813.33, 5, P Curry (GB) 50,135.00; 6, P Mitchell (GB) 45,365.00; 7, C Rocca (It) 43,820.00, 8, S Ballesteros (Sp) 34,993.33, 9, G Orr (GB) 32,613.33; 10, I Woosnam (GB) 29,640.00; 11, J Haeggman (Swe) 23,772.50; 12, T Bjorn (Den) 23,343.33; 13, R Coles (GB) 22,031.67; 14, D Clarke (GB) 19,813.33, 15, A Lebouc (Fr) 19,250.00; 16, P Broadhurst (GB) 17,986.25; 17, R Chapman (GB) 14,750.00; 18, F Lindgren (Swe) 14,490.00; 19, M Roe (GB) 13,986.50; 20 equal, M Lanner (Swe), L Westwood (GB) and A Oldcorn (GB) 13,766.25.

SAILING

HAYLING ISLAND: Ronstan International 505 national championships: Second race: 1, I Barker and D Cripps; 2, J Robinson and B Masterman; 3, I Pinnell and M Darling; 4, N Clemens and L Cosper; 5, R Lark and N Fulcher; 6, I Montague and G Kimber. Third race: 1, M Hodgson and P Beasley; 2, Robinson and Masterman; 3, R Napier and K Morrison; 4, M Holt and I Godfrey, 5, P Bate and P Gallo; 6, Barker and Cripps.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Asian Classic: First round (England unless stated): P Ebdon bt N Foulds 5-4; M Williams (Wales) bt W Thorne 5-4; D Harold bt J Ferguson 5-0; S Davis bt S Murphy (Ire) 5-2; R O'Sullivan bt S James 5-1; B Morgan bt J White 5-3; A Drago (Malta) bt S Phuchulaem (Thai) 5-2

TENNIS

WEST HANTS TC: Bournemouth International Open: First round: A Costa (Sp) bt M Gessner (Ger) 6-0, 6-3; M Norman (Swe) bt A Portas (Sp) 6-2, 6-1; M Göllner (Ger) bt T Champion (Fr) 7-6, 6-2; J-A Vitoca (Sp) bt D Hrbaty (Slovakia) 0-6, 6-3, 8-4; S Bruguera (Sp) bt N Marques (Por) 6-1, 6-2; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt R Gilbert (Fr) 6-2, 6-1; F Mantilla (Sp) bt L Milligan (GB) 6-4, 6-1; G Rusedski (GB) bt B Mota (Por) 6-1, 6-2; T Kempers (Holl) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; L Jonsson (Swe) bt A Lopez-Moron (Sp) 6-1, 6-4.

BUCHAREST: Men's tournament: First round: G Blanco (Sp) bt J Sekulov (Aus) 6-2, 7-6; C Moya (Sp) bt F Vicente (Sp) 6-7, 7-5, 6-3; G Schaller (Austria) bt M Gontz (Sp) 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; I Moldovan (Rom) bt J Tarango (US) 6-4, 2-6, 6-0; A Berasategui (Sp) bt K Goossens (Bel) 4-0 ret; T Johansson (Swe) bt G Trifu (Rom) 6-4, 6-2; C Ruud (Nor) bt B Becker (Ger) 6-3 ret; R Fromberg (Aus) bt F de Wulf (Bel) 7-5, 6-7, 7-6; F Clavet (Sp) bt K Alami (Mor) 6-4, 6-3; J Novak (Cz) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 5-7, 6-3, 7-6, S Prieto (Arg) bt S Noszaly (Hun) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; L Roux (Fr) bt A Mennov (Russ) 7-5, 0-6, 6-1; J van Herck (Bel) bt J Krocsko (Hun) 6-3, 6-0; A Zingman (Arg) bt H Arazi (Mor) 6-2, 4-6, 8-1; D Pescariu (Rom) bt J Burillo (Sp) 6-2, 6-2.

BOGOTÁ, Colombia: Men's tournament: First round: F Santoro (Fr) bt P Campana (Ecu) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; J Sánchez (Sp) bt M Rincon (Col) 6-4, 6-3; L Arnold (Arg) bt M Tobon (Col) 6-4, 7-6; N Lapentti (Ecu) bt D Rikl (Cz) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; G Etlis (Arg) bt C Dowlo (Col) 7-5, 0-6, 6-4; M Haddad (Col) bt D Nainkin (SA) 6-4, 6-2.

PRAGUE: Women's tournament: First round: K Studenikova (Slovakia) bt E Wagner (Ger) 6-2, 6-3; D Chladkova (Cz) bt S Cecchini (It) 6-3, 1-0 ret; A Parlett (It) bt S Fanno (It) 6-3, 6-1

KARLOVY VARY, Czech Republic: Women's tournament: First round: K Habsudova (Slovakia) bt A Glass (Ger) 6-4, 7-6; P Schnyder (Switz) bt M Sánchez Lorenzo (Sp) 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; R Bobkova (Cz) bt M Dias Oliva (Arg) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; L Cenkova (Cz) bt L Meskhi (Geo) 6-1, 6-0; K Nowak (Pol) bt V Martinek (Ger) 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; H Nagyova (Slovakia) bt C Torrens-Valero (Sp) 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; S Hack (Ger) bt K Kroupova (Cz) 6-3, 6-3; S Dopfer (Austria) bt P Langrova (Cz) 6-2, 6-4; R Dragomir (Rom) bt S Pitowska (Fr) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; S Talaja (Cro) bt B Fulco-Villella (Arg) 6-1, 6-3; D Chladkova (Cz) bt S Cecchini (It) 6-3, 1-0 ret; K Studenikova (Slovakia) bt E Wagner (Ger) 6-2, 6-3; E Gagliardi (Fr) bt S Kleinova (Cz) 6-7, 6-1, 7-6; F Perfetti (It) bt S Farina (It) 6-3, 6-1

ATP TOUR RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,543pts; 2, M Chang (US) 4,010; 3, T Muster (Austria) 3,752; 4, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 3,161; 5, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 3,059; 6, B Becker (Ger) 2,785; 7, W Ferrera (SA) 2,701; 8, R Krajicek (Holl) 2,434.

REAL TENNIS

CANFORD SCHOOL: British Land Rover doubles championship: Final: P Lumley (GB) and S Hazwell (GB) bt S Jones (GB) and A Garside (GB) 6-2, 6-3

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European Cup Champions' League
Group A

Auxerre v Ajax
(at Abbé-Deschamps Stadium) ..
Grasshoppers Zurich v Rangers
(at Hardturm Stadium) .. ..

Group B

Atlético Madrid v Sisaua Bucharest
(at Vicente Calderon Stadium) ..
Borussia Dortmund v Widzew Lodz
(at Westfalenstadion) .. ..

Group C

Juventus v Manchester United
(at Delle Alpi Stadium, Turin) .. ..
Rapid Vienna v Fenerbahce
(at Gerhard-Hanappi Stadium) .....

Group D

AC Milan v FC Porto
(at Giuseppe Meazza Stadium) ..
IFK Gothenburg v Rosenborg
(at Gamla Ullevi Stadium) .. ....

Nationwide League
First division

Norwich v Queens Park Rangers (7.45)
Swindon v Portsmouth (7.45) .....

Vauxhall Conference

Gateshead v Southport (7.45) .....

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Bishop Auckland, Boston v Emley; Knowsley v Marine. First division: Droylsden v Ashton United

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: League Cup: Bournemouth v Crystal Palace; Bristol City v Bristol Rovers (at Clevedon FC); Southampton v Portsmouth; Watford v Charlton (at Chesham FC); West Ham v Ipswich (at Dagenham and Redbridge FC, 7.0); Wimbledon v Brighton (at Plough Lane, 2.0), Cardiff v Swansea (2.0).

PONTINS LEAGUE: Premier division: Birmingham v Nottingham Forest (7.15); Leeds v Everton (7.0); Oldham v Blackburn (7.0); Tranmere v Bolton (7.0). First division: Blackpool v West Bromwich (7.0); Middlesbrough v Huddersfield (7.0); Sunderland v Sheffield Utd (7.0). Postponed: Aston Villa v Preston. Second division: Bradford v Barnsley (7.0), Carlisle v Stockport (7.0); Grimsby v Mansfield (7.0); Manchester City v Rotherham (6.45); Wrexham v Burnley (7.0); York v Hull (7.0).

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne v Mi Blackstone, Ford Sports v Wootton; St Neots v Holbeach. Knockout Cup: First round: Daventry v Northampton Spencer.

PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Fraserburgh v Buckie Thistle; Rothes v Deveronvale.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien/McKenzie Butchers premier division Cup: Bedford United v Letchworth

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Barnet v Brentford (2.0); Crawley T v Peterborough, Fulham v Stevenage, Gillingham v Wycombe (2.0), Rushden and Diamonds v Leyton Orient (7.45)

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Lambourn Sports; Swindon Supermarine v Tuffley; Wantage v Banbury

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham v Murton

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Penrith v Salford; Prescot v Glossop North End

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Bilingshall Ht v Wolverhampton United.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Aerostructures v Ryde Sports; Cowes Sports v Andover, Downton v Gosport.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Selsey v Arundel, John O'Hara League Cup: First round: Mile Oak v Newhaven; Three Bridges v Langney Sports

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Denaby v Ossett Albion; Hallam v Maltby MW.

FA YOUTH CUP: Extra preliminary round: Sittingbourne v Dover Preliminary round: Guisborough v Hartlepool; Marine v Warrington, Stalybridge Celtic v Walsall Wood; Bilston v Nuneaton; Lutterworth v Bromsgrove, Lye Town v Rothwell; Maldon v Hornchurch; Wembley v Collier Row and Romford; Hillingdon Borough v Hemel Hempstead; Sutton United v Hampton; Banstead v Viking Sports; Hayes v Famborough; Staines v Kingstonian; Tonbridge v Chatham; Camberley v Whitehawk; Portfield v Ashford (Middlesex); Thatcham v Wokingham; Fareham v Yeovil; Weymouth v Havant; Mangotsfield v Worcester.

RUGBY UNION

Anglo-Welsh Cup
Pool 1A

Pontypridd v Leicester (7.15) .. ..
Bridgend v Wasps (7.15) .. ..

Pool 1B

Bath v Swansea (7.15) .. ..
Sale v Llanelli (7.15) .. ..

Pool 2A

Newbridge v Gloucester (7.0) .. ..

Pool 2B

Caerphilly v Orrell (7.0) .. ..
Saracens v Newport (7.0) .. ..

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Trophy
Final
11.0, 50 overs
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Worcestershire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Kent. Southampton: Hampshire v Leicestershire. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex. Taunton: Somerset v Essex. The Oval: Surrey v Glamorgan. Hove: Sussex v Yorkshire

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Men's National Trophy: Pool matches: Bury and Bolton v Liverpool (7.30); Chessington v Slough (8.0); Derby v Sheffield (8.0); Oxford v Northampton (8.0); Solent v Thames Valley (8.0).

GOLF: Women's home internationals (Longniddry, East Lothian).

ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Swindon v Slough (8.15); Sheffield v Nottingham (7.30), Peterborough v Birmingham (8.0)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League (7.30) Crodley Heath and Stoke v Eastbourne (at Stoke); Hull v Middlesbrough; Long Eaton v Peterborough, Poole v Reading

TENNIS: ATP Tour event (Bournemouth).

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12/1	Sir Joey	25/1	Cross The Border
12/1	Tedburrow	25/1	Lady Sheriff
14/1	Bold Effort	25/1	Musical Season
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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

This hand is from the Cavendish Pairs tournament in New York.

Dealer East — Love all — IMPs

	♠J87 ♥AQJ6 ♦J102 ♣QJ2	
♠AK9632 ♥4 ♦A954 ♣54	N W E S	♠Q5 ♥10932 ♦Q6 ♣98753
	♠104 ♥K875 ♦K753 ♣AK10	

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: ace of spades

Although North-South have a combined 25 HCP between them and a heart fit, game is not a good proposition. The typical defence started out with ace, king and a third spade; East ruffed with the nine of hearts and was overruffed with the ten. Declarer drew all the trumps, and led the ten of diamonds from dummy. At a surprising number of tables, East, taking a quiet snooze, forgot to cover this, and now the only diamond loser was the ace.

The American experts, Kit Woolsey and Billy Pollack, did considerably better. Woolsey led a top spade, on which Pollack played the five of spades and South the four. As East-West were using standard signals, Woolsey now knew his partner had either the singleton five or the queen, as with a doubleton ten of spades he would have played that card on the first trick. It was therefore safe to continue with a low spade, and since he wanted a diamond back now, he played the nine as suit preference. Pollack took the queen of spades, and returned his low diamond obediently, and Woolsey now found the guaranteed way to beat the contract by ducking this trick.

Declarer was faced with an insoluble dilemma. He could not draw all of East's trumps, as Woolsey would have four spade tricks to cash when in with his ace of diamonds. He did the best he could by playing three trumps finishing in dummy, and leading a diamond to the queen and king. But Woolsey now gave his partner a ruff and took the contract one off. In a way, Woolsey was unlucky to find his partner with a diamond honour, as he would have beaten the contract whatever his partner's diamond holding.

Notice declarer's error at trick one: he should have followed with the ten of spades, to leave West uncertain as to whether his partner had the doubleton five-four of spades, or his actual holding.

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Chess in China

To correspond with sponsorship by *The Times* of the Mysteries of Ancient China exhibition at the British Museum, which runs from this Friday until January 5, I shall be running an occasional series mentioning oriental games in general and Chinese games in particular.

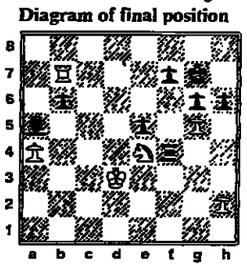
Indeed, the strongest open tournament held in Asia took place in Peking late last month. The joint winners were Atalik, Ulibin, Landa and Lin, with 7½ out of 11. Here is one of Atalik's games, in which he forced Wang Yaoyao to resign.

White: Wang Yaoyao
Black: Suat Atalik
Peking, August 1996

Grunfeld Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	d5
4	cxd5	Nxd5
5	e4	Nxc3
6	bxc3	Bg7
7	Be3	c5
8	Qd2	Qa5
9	Rb1	b6
10	Bb5+	Bd7
11	Bxd7+	Nxd7
12	Ne2	0-0
13	0-0	Rfd8
14	Bg5	cxd4
15	cxd4	Qxd2
16	Bxd2	Nc5
17	a5	Ne6
18	Be3	Rd7
19	Rbc1	Rad8
20	Rc6	Rc7
21	Rfc1	Rxc6
22	Rxc6	Bxa5
23	g3	Nxd4
24	Bxd4	Bxd4
25	Rc7	Bc5
26	Rxa7	Rd2
27	Kf1	e5
28	g4	Kg7
29	g5	Rc2
30	f3	Rc4
31	Ng3	Rc1+
32	Ke2	Rc3
33	Ne4	Re3+
34	Kd2	Rxf3
35	a4	Bb4+
36	Ke2	Rf4
37	Kd3	h6
38	Rb7	Ba5
		White resigns

Diagram of final position



Bank of China Cup

Apart from playing Western chess, the Chinese also have their own version, with elephants, a catapult piece and the board divided by a river. Equally, if not more, popular in China is the ancient board game of go. On Sunday, September 22, the Bank of China Go tournament will be held in London. Prospective players and spectators should contact Alex Rix, the organiser, on 0181-533 0899 or e-mail alexander.rix@sgw.com.

Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276) at £6.99 plus postage and packing.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

STRUTHIOUS
a. Esoteric
b. Like an ostrich
c. Slow on the uptake

VERRUCOSE
a. Respectful
b. Sleepy
c. Covered in warts

APROSEXIA
a. A multiple of six
b. Sadness
c. Feather-headedness

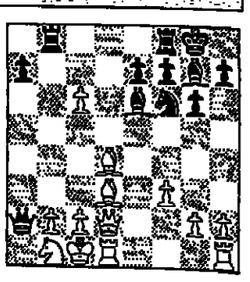
MACROLOGY
a. Weather forecasting
b. Long talk
c. A euphemism

Answers on page 44

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Morin — Alain, Montreal, 1983. This position arose from the Dragon Variation of the Sicilian Defence. The Dragon is characterised by the placing of the black king's bishop on g7 and the activity of this piece is often crucial to Black's chances. How did black activate this bishop in spectacular style?



Solution on page 44

Wary Ferguson plots path to ultimate prize

FROM ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN TURIN

WHEN Manchester United start out on manager Alex Ferguson's ultimate mission, to win the European Cup, against Juventus in the Stadio Delle Alpi tonight, they should not fall for one of the bigger myths circulating on the Continent. The word is abroad that Juventus have meddled with the maxim: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

They have, but not necessarily fatally so. Those who think that the club of the Agnellis has sold out, cashed in on winning the most coveted prize, are only looking at the sales side of a frenzied summer's trading.

True, Fabrizio Ravanelli is on Teesside and Gianluca Vialli is comfortable with Chelsea. True, Juventus also offloaded Paulo Sousa, the intermittently brilliant creator, and gave retirement papers to Pietro Vierchowod. And they also are without the cavalier right back, Moreno Torricelli, and the thoughtful Vladimir Jugovic, both suspended tonight.

So, more than half a team of champions is missing. But the £17.5 million that the sale of 15 players raised is balanced by the purchase of nine individuals costing £18.4 million.

Juventus will be led tonight by a three-man attack — Christian Vieri, 23, the big centre forward bought from Atalanta, Alessandro Del Piero to his left and Alen Boksic to his right.

Ferguson knows Boksic well, respects and fears his ghostly talents. With Marseilles, the Croat was a stealthy match-winner, with Lazio he under-achieved and, on Sunday, while Vieri notched his first goal for the club, Boksic missed plenty in a 1-1 draw at Reggiani.

Behind them, Zinedine Zidane, the new creative force from Bordeaux, supplied enough ammunition for Juventus to have conquered Reggiani comfortably, though he will take time to find his rhythm. And behind him,



Ferguson: balancing act



Paolo Montero, a Uruguayan son of a durable and redoubtable defender, has stepped into Vierchowod's shoes.

So, wait to judge what is happening to the European champions. Roberto Bettega, the former goalscorer turned executive vice-president, insists that the game he and Marcello Lippi, the coach, are playing is one of responsibility. Given the post-Bosman freedom exploited by star players, they have offloaded rather than waited until contracts expire; they have bought youth for seniority and they have backed their judgment in the ultimate gamble — that the reinvigorated team can sustain itself and journey on into the next century.

This facelift to *la vecchia signora*, the old lady of Turin, makes sense when you remember how Gianni Agnelli, until last year the club benefactor, always deplored rampant inflation, and warned Bettega that a balance to keep the club whole was required.

United's own balancing act, of youth groomed at The Cliff training ground plus players brought in, may have made them more ready for the wiles of the Continent than in previous years. "We can't keep singing the song of being unfortunate," Gary Pallister, the centre back on whose fitness United wait, said. "We've got to learn our lessons. Barcelona two seasons ago sticks in the mind. We've got to accept our mistakes in Europe, to realise that Europeans are more comfortable on the ball than English sides."

Pallister said that on the day Manchester United completed the double at Wembley in May, Ferguson went further. He spoke about the tactical naivety of the English abroad, admitting that his own feelings had been to go overseas and attack almost without caution in the way that United can get away with at home.

For that reason, and Ferguson's admission that he does not know his best team nor the full qualities of his imports, do not be surprised if Karel Poborsky, the crowd-pleaser of last Saturday, is not in the line-up here. Poborsky thrilled with his adventure, but United are chastened by misadventure and the frequency with which the Czech gave the ball away is precisely what they can do without.

Additionally, be sure that Ferguson was no more fooled by the shadow boxing of Elland Road, the compliance in United's performance of a woeful Leeds United that gave the Caspian board the excuse to replace Howard Wilkinson with George Graham.

Similarly, Eric Cantona, allowed the freedom of his old stamping ground on Saturday, must now come down beneath the Alps to the reality that he will be marked closer than a second cousin by Juventus, and that United, in their 4-5-1 containing formation, will rue the absence, the force of the injured Roy Keane.

Having acclimatised on the pitch yesterday evening, the English champions must hope above all that Ryan Giggs has overcome his bereavement after the untimely death of his stepfather, Richard Johnson. Giggs, and the rest, need to think of nothing but the performance, to recall the words of Sir Matt Busby: "Play the match, not the occasion."

Robson's Teesside revolution puts club £9m in red

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MIDDLESBROUGH ended more than £9 million in debt after winning promotion to the FA Carling Premiership last year — and have since spent another £21 million. The massive cost of the Bryan Robson revolution on Teesside was confirmed by club accounts yesterday. Since the date of the accounts, July 1995, Robson has signed Nick Barmby, Juninho, Emerson and Fabrizio Ravanelli.

The transformation has been masterminded by their multimillionaire chairman, Steve Gibson, who persuaded Robson to move from Manchester United just over two years ago. In Robson's first season in charge, wages doubled to nearly £5 million. But the huge investment means Middlesbrough have a chance of capturing a leading trophy this season for the first time in their history.

Neil Cox, their defender, said yesterday: "We're in with a shout of winning something. We needed to buy in the summer and the manager has bought two very good players in Emerson and Ravanelli. They've made a huge difference to the team.

"You can't rule us out of the title. I'm not saying we're going to do it, but this time you cannot disregard our chances. We're feeling very confident, the spirit in the club could not be better and we've got some world-class players."

Gary Mabbutt, the Tottenham Hotspur captain, was last night waiting to undergo an operation to have a metal pin inserted in the left leg he fractured on the opening day of the season.

An X-ray revealed that Mabbutt needs surgical help to allow the fractured bone to heal properly and it means his original estimate of being back in the game before Christmas is now delayed. He said, though: "I'm still determined to play again this season."

The setback, however, could prompt Tottenham to increase their £2.5 million bid to sign Slaven Bilic, West Ham's Croatian centre back, who has been offered a year's extension of his three-year contract at Upton Park.

Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, said: "I never talk about players who are under contract to other clubs, but we made several bids for new players, even before all the injuries we've had this season, and had them rejected.

"I can't see us ever trying to buy one player for, say, £15 million, like Newcastle have for Alan Shearer, but I do have money to spend and there is no doubt I still want to get new people in if I can."

Meanwhile, Teddy Sheringham, Tottenham's England striker, is awaiting results of a scan on his pulled thigh muscle to see when he can return to action. He missed Tottenham's last two games — defeats against Wimbledon and Newcastle — after being injured while training with England.

The original estimate for his recovery was three weeks, but he is unlikely to be back for the visit to Southampton on Saturday. Dean Austin, the full back, could be in the squad, however, after making good progress from his knee operation in the summer. He is due to play in another friendly match tonight.

FOOTBALL: RANGERS DETERMINED TO START CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE PROGRAMME IN POSITIVE FASHION

Smith relying on attack to banish ghosts of the past

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

DESPITE the sunshine and civility, Zurich could prove to be the site of an exorcism for Rangers. The Scottish champions have arrived with a determination to purge themselves, against Grasshopper-Club tonight, of the frailties they showed at this point last season. Then, at the start of the group phase of the European Cup, they lost 1-0 to Steaua Bucharest.

The defeat was particularly galling because, despite the tone of the result, Rangers had never planned to fight a grinding rearguard action. The team selected that night by Walter Smith had, in prospect, a vivacious appearance and, accordingly, the glum performance was all the more baffling. The perplexity lingered and none of the six Champions' League fixtures was won.

There would be consternation if Rangers' prowess was to be so mysteriously nullified once again, but the side does now enjoy the protection of greater self-belief. After the 10-3 aggregate victory over Alania Vladikavkaz in the qualifying round, Rangers no longer need to wonder whether their skills are applicable in European football.

That incisiveness seemed to be the personal property of Ally McCoist when he scored a hat-trick against the Russian champions inside the first 20 minutes in the away leg, but his availability this evening is in question. "His hamstring is still feeling a bit tight, even though we didn't play him against Motherwell on Saturday," Smith said. It is likley, nonetheless, that the forward will start the match.

While Smith could offer few assurances regarding the exact composition of the side, he was entirely clear about its intent. Even if McCoist is absent, his place will go to another forward, Peter van Vossen, and, with the presence of Gordon Durie and Brian Laudrup guaranteed, Rangers will take the risk of fielding three attackers.

"We hope to threaten more than we did in Bucharest," Smith said. Last year, Rangers suffered two savage defeats, 4-1 and 4-0, at the hands of the European Cup's eventual winners, Juventus, and the chastened Scots were left to a period of deep and painful reflection. The new assertiveness is one consequence of those deliberations.

Tentative strategies were alien to a Juventus side bent on overwhelming opponents from the earliest moments of a match. Their performances, and those of AC Milan at their best, have swept away the era when the trophy was generally won by the cautious and the cunning.

When bravado is required, Rangers cannot help but look to Paul Gascoigne, even if the after-effects of the Achilles tendon injury that recently troubled him are still apparent. An occasion such as this, in any case, usually provides the Englishman with the stimulus to overcome his body's frailties.

Rangers have their hopes but this match will also be viewed by Grasshoppers as a means of girding themselves up for crucial fixtures in Group A against Ajax and Auxerre. Although, like Rangers, the Swiss failed to win a Champions' League game a year ago, they do possess some respected talents.

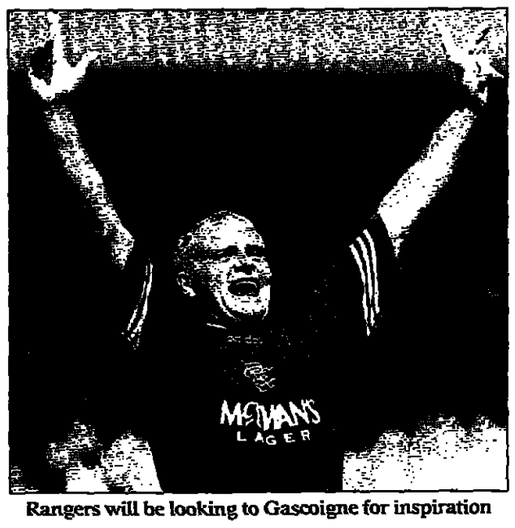
Kubilay Turkyilmaz, who so troubled England in the opening game of Euro 96, is partnered in attack by the leading scorer in Switzerland last season, Viorel Moldovan, a Romania international. The midfield will, unexpectedly, include the teenager, Johann Vogel, who played with such zest in the European championship.

His recovery from knee-ligament damage has been rapid. Some elements of the Grasshoppers side, though, are, for this evening at least, beyond repair. Two centre halves, Alexandre Comisetti and Boris Smiljanic, are suspended, and the veteran defender, Alain Geiger, is injured. For a side as aggressive as Rangers, such weakness may amount to an incitement.

RANGERS (probable, 3-5-2): A Goram — G Petric, R Gough, J Bjorklund — A Cleland, P Gascoigne, S McCall, G Dune, J Albertz — A McCoist, B Laudrup



McCoist is expected to play despite a hamstring problem. Photograph: Mark Leech



Rangers will be looking to Gascoigne for inspiration

Venables rules out a return to QPR

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TERRY VENABLES, the former England coach, has ended speculation that he could return to Queens Park Rangers, by pledging his future to Portsmouth. Venables had been among the names put forward as a possible successor to Ray Wilkins, who left the London club by mutual consent last week. But, yesterday, he said he is happy with his new post as director of football at Fratton Park.

Venables, who took QPR to the FA Cup Final in 1982 and the old second division title the following season, said: "You won't be seeing me turn up at Loftus Road in the next couple of days. As far as I am concerned, it is business as normal — and business as usual for me is Portsmouth Football Club."

Venables's decision leaves Chris Wright, the QPR owner, still searching for the right man to try to take the Nationwide League first division club back into the FA Carling Premiership at the first time of asking.

"We have seen one or two people, but the current managerial merry-go-round has changed the picture," Wright said. "Someone we thought might be available isn't and someone we thought wasn't available is. I'd like to have someone in place before the weekend, but I don't think we'll get there."

Joe Parkinson, the Everton midfield player, has signed a new five-year deal with the Premiership club, ending speculation of a move to Celtic. Parkinson, 25, had been watched by the Scottish League premier division club, but Everton have managed to convince him his future is at Goodison Park.

Joe Royle, the Everton manager, is tipping Parkinson for international honours. "He has got better and better. He is a well-rounded, modern midfield player, who I can eventually see coming into England contention," Royle said.

Parkinson, who was signed from Bournemouth by Mike Walker, the previous Everton manager, said: "It's always nice to be connected to a club of Celtic's stature, but they don't come much bigger than the club I'm at."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

STRUTHIOUS
(b) Like an ostrich. A term of contempt for middle management. "What I admire most about you, James, in your summer schedules and forward planning, is your ability to be single-mindedly and self-consciously struthious."

VERRUCOSE
(c) Covered in wartlike growths. Suitable for cursing, under the guise of blessing. "Bon voyage, Anne Marie. May your path be smooth, your mind ever lively and your hands always verrucose."

APROSEXIA
(c) Inability to concentrate. Not, as might be imprudently assumed, après-sex activities. Useful when completing the "nature of illness" section on your sick-leave application form.

MACROLOGY
(b) Long and tiresome talk. A nimiety of words. A macrologist is a bore. When cornered by one at a party, you steer him (note not her), still talking, to the nearest professor of aesthetics. "I would like you to meet one of our leading macrologists," you say, then bale out fast.

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Managers wary of trigger-happy chairmen

After Howard Wilkinson became the latest man shot out of office, **Russell Kempson** asks who is next in the firing line?

Bruce Rioch started the rot, when he was dismissed by Arsenal. Ray Clemence left Barnet, Sammy Chung departed from Doncaster Rovers and Alan Ball called it a day at Manchester City. Andy King was relieved of his duties at Mansfield Town, Ray Wilkins and Queens Park Rangers bade a mutual farewell, and Leeds United showed the door to long-serving Howard Wilkinson.

Barely three weeks into the season, seven managers have bitten the dust — plus Kenny Dalglish, Blackburn Rovers' rarely seen director of football. Only Clemence can claim to have parted company on the friendliest of terms, having accepted a coaching role with Glenn Hoddle's new England. So, whose neck is next for the chopping block?

Ron Atkinson, of Coventry City, and Ray Harford, of Blackburn, are prime candidates. In the heat of the FA Carling Premiership, sustained failure is not tolerated too long, by chairman with itchy trigger fingers or supporters with acerbic tongues.

Atkinson, despite having spent almost £18 million in 19 months since he replaced Phil Neal as manager, appears to be no nearer discovering the secret of success at Highfield Road. Coventry have played well in patches this season but, with such an expensively assembled and supposedly multitalented squad at their disposal, they should have collected more than a solitary point from their opening five matches.

"There is no talk of ultimatums or crises here," Bryan Richardson, the Coventry chairman, said. "We just need a bit of luck to get a win and improve our confidence. I don't see any need to change things at the moment."

Not quite the dreaded vote of confidence but Richardson's concluding "at the moment" is perhaps a hint of things to come should Atkinson fail to arrest the slide. And then what do Coventry do?

Gordon Strachan, Atkinson's assistant and heir apparent, is being groomed to take over next season yet, surely, he is also partly responsible for Coventry's present predicament. In the event of change, should he go, too?

John Salako, the Coventry winger, puts the onus on the players. "People keep saying "you're too good to be in the position you're in" and, when you look around the side, you think there's no way we should be at the bottom," he said. "But we're tired of looking at each other and thinking that, we've got to pull things together. If we don't start getting results soon, we're going to be in trouble again."

Harford faces a similarly perplexing problem at Ewood Park, with Blackburn also having taken only one point from five outings, but Tim Flowers, the Blackburn and England goalkeeper, has asked for patience.

"In the last four years, we have finished fourth, second, first and seventh," he said. "Except for possibly Manchester United, any club in the country would want that record. We haven't started well this year but we didn't last season either, and yet only narrowly missed qualifying for Europe.

"The fans must realise we are rebuilding again, after losing Alan Shearer, and the players are determined to put things right. Kenny Dalglish didn't just buy and buy and win the league, we had to work hard at it. That's what we've got to do for Ray."

Though George Graham has replaced Wilkinson at Elland Road, with almost indecent haste, Arsenal have yet to instal Arsène Wenger at Highbury. Nagoya Grampus Eight, Wenger's club in Japan, want the Frenchman, 47, to complete his two-year contract, which is not due to expire until January. "We will have problems if he leaves the team early," Masaharu Teshima, a Grampus spokesman, said yesterday.

QPR are still looking for a successor to Wilkins. They are unlikely to appoint a new manager before their Nationwide League first division match away to Norwich City tonight. Terry Venables, the former England coach, now director of football at Portsmouth, was believed to have headed the shortlist. Yesterday, however, Venables ruled out a return to Loftus Road.

Wilkins has yet to decide his future but, after playing for Wycombe Wanderers against Luton Town on Saturday, he turned out for Coventry in a testimonial match for Gordon Hunter, the Hibernian defender, in Edinburgh on Monday night. "It's now time to sit down and take stock," Wilkins said. "I've had a lot of pleasant phone calls from a number of people."

RESULTS

Yesterday

UEFA CUP: First round, first leg: Alania Vladikavkaz (Russ) 2 Anderlecht (Bel) 1; Chernomorets Odessa (Ukr) 0 National Bucharest (Rom) 0 (in Odessa); Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) 0 Neuchâtel Xamax (Switz) 0 (in Kiev); FC Schalke 04 (Ger) 3 Roda JC Kerkrade (Holl) 0 (in Gelsenkirchen); Guingamp (Fr) 0 Internazionale (It) 3 (in Guingamp); Torpedo Moscow (Russ) 0 Dynamo Tbilisi (Geo) 1 (in Moscow)

Monday

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn Rovers 1 Derby County 2
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Hednesford 3 Bromsgrove 0; Northwich Victoria 1 Rushden and Diamonds 2; Stevenage 2 Bath 1.
ICIS LEAGUE: Guardian Insurance Cup: Preliminary round: Bognor Regis 6 East Thurrock 2; Carshalton Athletic 6 Whyteleafe 0, Chesham 3 Epsom and Ewell 3; Croydon 0 Leighton 1, Dagenham and Redbridge 3 Marlow 0
UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Hyde 0 Winsford 0.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Liverpool 1 Stoke City 1. First division: Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 Notts County 1.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: League Cup: Queens Park Rangers 0 Millwall 0
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Bilston Community College 5 Shirley 2
CAPITAL LEAGUE: Southend 3 Welling 0
FA CUP: Preliminary round: Replay: Newmarket 3 Saffron Walden 0. Second replays: Alvechurch 1, Leamington 2; Halesowen Harriers 2 Long Buckby 1; Blidworth MW 2 Harworth CI 1; Radford Heath 0 Edgware 3.
FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary round: Carlisle 4 Barrow 0; Kidderminster 5 Chasetown 2.
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: First round: Cardiff 1 Bristol 1: Ipswich 3 Oxford 1, Watford 3 Southampton 1
SPANISH LEAGUE: Extremadura 0 Betis 3

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RACING: DONCASTER STAGES CLASSIC CONFRONTATION AS TITLE BATTLE INTENSIFIES

Cecil rallies troops for final assault

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

CONSIDER the following scenario: a man of immeasurable wealth takes over at ailing Manchester City, plucks the best footballers from neighbouring United and turns them on their old club to claim the title in the dying weeks.

That, in essence, is the script unfolding on the Turf as Saeed Bin Suroor, at present heading the trainers' championship, takes a narrow advantage over Henry Cecil into the St Leger meeting at Doncaster today. So tight are the margins that the lead could change hands twice during the afternoon.

Bin Suroor and Cecil are two dominant entities, from disparate cultures, both housed within a decent canter of each other at Newmarket. Extra poignancy is added because Bin Suroor, handed some of Cecil's best ammunition, has used it against his opponent with a vengeance.

The crux may come at Ascot the week after next, when Cecil aligns Bosra Sham against Bin Suroor's Mark Of Esteem and Charnwood Forest in the valuable Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. Bin Suroor's guns were honed at Cecil's munitions factory; they were redeployed after Cecil's acrimonious sacking by Sheikh Mohammed, Godolphin's founder, nearly 12 months ago.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FOR THE PRESENT
(4.10 Doncaster)

Next best: Corradini
(2.00 Doncaster)



Bosra Sham, Cecil's talented 1,000 Guineas winner, returns to the fray in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on September 28

The sheikh has left Warren Place but his lingering influence is readily detectable. Cecil, whose cupboard was stripped bare of older horses, launched an all-out assault on the three-year-old prizes and achieved notable gains. Bosra Sham and Lady Carla scored direct hits on the fillies' classics and Dushyantor went close in the Derby.

By mid-June, Cecil had a lead of more than £400,000 in earnings. Bin Suroor, a former Dubai policeman, must have been sorely tempted to book Cecil for speeding. But the balance shifted perceptibly in mid-summer as the emphasis favoured the older horses. Charnwood Forest and Classic Cliche, former residents at Warren Place, annexed valuable Royal Ascot prizes while Halling extended his dominance over ten furlongs.

It has now reached the point where Cecil's prize-money earnings, at £1,230,500, trail Bin Suroor's by some £15,000. This is a crucial week for both parties; Cecil opens at Doncaster today with three live chances in Out West, Corradini and Eva Luna, who competes against his adversary's Russian Snows in the Park Hill Stakes.

The most important verdict will be delivered when Cecil's duo of Dushyantor and Flying Legend cross swords with Bin Suroor's Sharaf Kabeer and Pricket – the latter another ex-Cecil charge – in the £225,000-added St Leger on Saturday. But the battle rages on all fronts: the two men are responsible for six of the 14 entrants to the group three Select Stakes at Goodwood on the same day.

Such is the intensity of the chase that Rob Hartnett, Coral's racecourse representative, was unusually hesitant over the outcome. "Quite frankly," Hartnett said, "I'd prefer to bet on the outcome of a toss of a coin. If we were making a book I suppose the Godolphin stable would be a notional favourite at 5-4 on."

Perhaps the contest is best amplified through the careers of two juveniles, one from each camp. An encounter between Reams Of Verse and Bint Baladee is scheduled for the May Hill Stakes at Doncaster tomorrow. The pair will ptobably renew rivalry in the £100,000 Fillies' Mile at Ascot two weeks later. The two fillies met at Newmarket 19 days ago, when Reams Of Verse inched out Bint Baladee. The race between their respective trainers is likely to be as close.

For The Present can pounce late to win Portland

DONCASTER
CHANNEL 4

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.55: Just Visiting, Double Gold and Song Mist all like to force the pace, which could set up this nursery for **Top Of The Wind.** The Silver Kite filly can be forgiven a below-par effort at Newcastle last time where she was poorly drawn, and is better judged on her previous winning effort. Mystic Circle has shown decent form in small fields, while the booking of Willie Carson for the nursery debut of Stygian catches the eye.

3.10: Russian Snows, runner-up in last year's Irish Oaks and winner of a group two race in France, has shown her best form on softer going, although today's longer trip should suit. Eva Luna will appreciate the step up in distance after winning the Galtres Stakes under a vintage ride from Pat Eddery. She had a hard race when fighting back to head **Time Allowed**, and I fancy the latter to gain revenge on better terms.

3.40: Blue Iris produced a career best effort when beating Clan Chief at York three weeks ago, and a reproduction of that effort should suffice here. She should get a lead from the speedy Westcourt Magic and Pat Eddery takes the ride. Lucky Parkes should confirm Lingfield form with Fond Embrace but prefers a sharp track and the lightly-raced Speed On looks a bigger danger.

4.10: Bold Effort, second in this race last year off a stone higher mark, is a most interesting runner. After showing nothing here this season, he won a race in France over a mile before finishing third in a decent five-furlong handicap and, judged on last year's form, is thrown in here. The pace looks like developing down the middle and towards the far side with Cyrano's Lad, Double Quick, Sylva Paradise and Perryston View all liking to race prominently. This could be teed up for a horse coming off the pace and the shortlist includes the Dettori-ridden Sea-Deer, Bolshoi and Lago Di Varano.

However, I like the look of **For The Present**, who won the Stewards' Cup two years ago and ran particularly well on unsuitably easy ground at Nottingham 17 days ago, having been badly drawn on his two previous outings. Successful over five and six furlongs, he should go close for the excellent apprentice Fergal Lynch, who claims a handy 3lb.

RICHARD EVANS

DONCASTER

THUNDERER

1.30 Benny The Dip	3.10 EVA LUNA (nap)
2.00 Corradini	3.40 Blue Iris
2.35 Stygian	4.10 For The Present
	4.40 King Of Sparta

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 **BLUE IRIS.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 **CORRADINI** (nap).
2.35 Catechism. 3.10 Eva Luna.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.30 QUEEN'S OWN YORKSHIRE DRAGOONS CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,839: 7f) (5 runners)

101	(3)	21	BENNY THE DIP 74 (D,6) (L Haigh) J Gosden 9-1	L Dettori	95
102	(1)	1	DESERT STORY 18 (S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-1	K Fallon	92
103	(2)	14	ISLE OF CORREGIDOR 39 (F) (Mrs P Chrstnsn) Mrs J Cecil 8-13	A Clark	89
104	(5)	1	OUT WEST 18 (D,6) (Buckram Oak Holdings) H Cecil 8-10	Pat Eddery	98
105	(4)		FURNISH (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-3	K Darley	–

BETTING: 5-4 Out West, 5-2 Benny The Dip, 7-2 Desert Story, 7-1 Furnish, 10-1 Isle Of Corregidor

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BENNY THE DIP beat Sturgeon 2½l to 10-runner maiden at Newmarket (7f, good) DESERT STORY beat Imperial Scholar 1¼l in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to soft) ISLE OF CORREGIDOR about 6¼l 4th of 6 to Tumbleweed Pearl in conditions race at Thirsk (6f, firm) OUT WEST beat Glowyur 10l in 3-runner maiden at Beverley (7f 100yd, good) FURNISH (traded Jan 29) First foal, by Green Desert: dam half-sister to Sound For Fame
Selection: OUT WEST

2.00 SITWELL ARMS MALLARD HANDICAP
(£10,290: 1m 6f 132yd) (10 runners)

201	(3)	334113	CORRADINI 21 (CD,BF,F,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-9-10	K Fallon	96
202	(7)	522134	CANDLE SMILE 38 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-8-13	J Reid	93
203	(1)	000161	HIGHFLYING 17 (CD,F,G,S) (B Bailey) G Moore 10-8-7	J Tate	97
204	(8)	10-0232	TUDOR ISLAND 19 (D,F,G) (D Steiff) C Brittain 7-8-5	B Doyle	89
205	(6)	044332	EMBRYONIC 16 (F) (Mrs D Miller) R Fisher 4-8-3	K Darley	98
206	(9)	432231	GENEROSA 20 (D,F) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) H Candy 3-8-2	C Rutter	97
207	(4)	333020	DEANO'S BEENO 16 (F) (P Deeni) M Johnston 4-8-1	T Williams	98
208	(2)	506413	CASUAL WATER 16 (F,G) (G Lanham) A Newcombe 5-7-12	A Mackay	96
209	(5)	051111	RUSHEN RAIDER 28 (C,F) (Mrs T Whitell) N Hogg 4-7-11	L Charnock	97
210	(10)	213404	SHARAF 33 (B,F) (D Deer) W Muir 3-7-10	DOUBTFUL	–

Long handicap: Sharaf 7-9

BETTING: 13-8 Corradini, 6-1 Candle Smile, Embryonic, 8-1 Rushen Raider, Tudor Island, 10-1 others

1995: GREY SHOT 3-9-12 L Dettori (5-2) I Balding 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CORRADINI 1½l 3rd of 21 to Clerkenwell in the Tote Ebor Handicap at York (1m 6f, good) CANDLE SMILE ¾l and neck 3rd of 26 to Southern Power in a handicap at Royal Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. HIGHFLYING beat Villeggiatura neck in a 4-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 6f, good to firm). TUDOR ISLAND 5l 2nd of 7 to Flying Legend in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 7f, good to soft) GENEROSA beat Maydah Jereeb 4l in a 6-runner maiden at Salisbury (1m 6f, good to firm) DEANO'S BEENO head 2nd of 7 to Fancy Heights in a handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start with HIGHFLYING (2lb better off) distant 6th. CASUAL WATER beat Mr Browning short-head in a 7-runner handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). RUSHEN RAIDER completed four-timer, beat EMBRYONIC (4lb better off) 2½l in a 9-runner handicap at Beverley (3m, good to firm).
Selection: CORRADINI (nap)

2.35 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CARRIE RED NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O fillies: £17,730: 6f 110yd) (22 runners) C4

301	(18)	52510	HALOWING 20 (D,F) (R Trenitz) P Kelleway 9-7	D McCabe	85
302	(16)	123213	JUST VISITING 16 (D,G) (Mrs R Mackiewicz) J Wilson 9-5	K Fallon	89
303	(14)	6135	STONE FLOWER 12 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-3	J Reid	85
304	(13)	221	CATECHISM 25 (D,G) (T Tainsh) J Gosden 9-2	L Dettori	93
305	(8)	21	UNDERCOVER AGENT 41 (G) (J Rosenfram) J Dunlop 9-0	G Carter	90
306	(4)	100	DAYLIGHT DREAMS 16 (G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0	K Darley	85
307	(22)	434315	SKYERS FLYER 28 (F) (Mrs J Carney) R Thompson 9-0	N Connorton	88
308	(19)	14	NIGHTBIRD 117 (F) (G Tindall) B Hills 8-13	M Hills	94
309	(21)	2161	FAREWELL MY LOVE 17 (D,6) (W Ponsonby) P Cole 8-13	P P Murphy (5)	91
310	(1)	16	NAKED POSER 74 (D,5) (P Winkfield) R Hannon 8-12	D Biggs	87
311	(17)	02110	DOUBLE GOLD 16 (F,G) (M Edwards) B Meehan 8-10	B Doyle	91
312	(6)	1155	EXPRESS GIRL 58 (S) (P Arrey) D Moffatt 8-9	Darren Moffatt (3)	95
313	(15)	4215	SONG MIST 16 (D,BF,F) (Mrs C Hanbury) P Cole 8-9	David O'Neill (7)	92
314	(3)	342	BLUES QUEEN 29 (Mayglen Ltd) M Channon 8-8	J Fortune	84
315	(9)	002	GEE BEE DREAM 17 (Grant & Bowman Lumley) A Jarvis 8-7	R Cochrane	97
316	(20)	254210	TOP OF THE WIND 16 (F) (J McGrath) J J O'Neill 8-7	R Ffrench (7)	93
317	(10)	121115	PERFECT BLISS 8 (D,F,G) (R Mason) P Evans 8-6	M Fenton	95
318	(6)	01	HOH FLYER 21 (D,G) (D Allport) M Bell 8-5	J Carroll	89
319	(7)	5213	MYSTIC CIRCLE 17 (D,F) (P Fenwick & F Chapman) J Watts 8-4	A Culhane	92
320	(12)	40354	ONEKNIGHT WITH YOU 29 (D Clee) M Fetherston-Godley 8-3	W Garson	89
321	(22)	01	STYGIAN 26 (F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-2	J Fanning	91
322	(11)	4140	CAN CAN LADY 43 (D,F) (A Robinson) M Johnston 8-1		

BETTING: 6-1 Catechism, 10-1 Hoh Flyer, Nightbird, Stygian, Undercover Agent, 14-1 Farewell My Love, Blues Queen, 16-1 others

1995: MY BRANCH 8-13 M Hills (5-1) B Hills 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

JUST VISITING head 2nd of 6 to Tumbleweed Pearl in conditions race at Thirsk (6f, firm) Aug 96, with SKYERS FLYER (5lb better off) 4l 3rd CATECHISM beat Napalea ¾l in maiden at Newbury (6f, good) with GEE BEE DREAM (9lb better off) 6l 10th. UNDERCOVER AGENT 11 2nd of 8 to Man Howa in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. FAREWELL MY LOVE beat Last Chance 5l in seller at Goodwood (6f, good). DOUBLE GOLD beat Shoes Face 1¼l in nursery at Newbury (7f 64yd, good) on penultimate start. BLUES QUEEN 1½l 2nd of 17 to Dancethenightaway in maiden at Bath (5f, good) with ONEKNIGHT WITH YOU (5lb better off) 1½l 4th. TOP OF THE WIND beat Our Future 11l in nursery at Newcastle (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PERFECT BLISS beat Brutal Fantasy 1½l in nursery at Thirsk (6f, good) on penultimate start. HOH FLYER beat Test The Water neck in maiden auction at Kempton (6f, good) STYGIAN beat Batsman 1½l in maiden at Folkestone (5f, good to firm)
Selection: STYGIAN

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J = jumps. F = flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy) Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.10 STONES BITTER PARK HILL STAKES
(Group III: Fillies: £21,044: 1m 6f 132yd) (6 runners) C4

401	(2)	2211-26	RUSSIAN SNOWS 21 (F,S) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 4-9-8	L Dettori	95
402	(1)	411412	BEAUCHAMP JADE 21 (C,F,G) (E Penser) N Candy 4-8-3	G Carter	90
403	(3)	2/11-002	BEYOND DOUBT 45 (F,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-3	W R Swinburn	88
404	(5)	11	EVA LUNA 20 (F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-9-3	Pat Eddery	98
405	(6)	315444	ALZABELLA 15 (G) (M Wauchope) J Hills 3-8-5	M Hills	88
406	(4)	0-2122	TIME ALLOWED 20 (F) (R Barnett) M Stoute 3-8-5	J Reid	98

BETTING: 2-1 Eva Luna, 11-4 Time Allowed, 4-1 Beauchamp Jade, 9-2 Russian Snows, 8-1 others.

1995: NOBLE ROSE 4-9-3 L Dettori (11-4 fav) L Cumani 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

RUSSIAN SNOWS 2l 3rd (later disqualified and placed 6th) to Key Change in group I Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks at York (1m 4f, good). BEAUCHAMP JADE ¾l 2nd of 21 to Clerkenwell in Tote Ebor Handicap at York (1m 6f, good). BEYOND DOUBT ½l 2nd of 12 to Better Offer in handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm). EVA LUNA beat TIME ALLOWED head in tested race at York (1m 4f, good to firm). TIME ALLOWED ¾l 2nd of 12 to Freequent in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: EVA LUNA

3.40 DONCASTER BLOODSTOCK SALES SCARBROUGH STAKES (Listed race: £11,268: 5f) (9 runners) C4

507	(6)	101110	ANZIO 82 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (T Staunton) Miss G Kellaway 5-9-12	R Cochrane	80
502	(8)	600004	BRAVE EDGE 13 (D,F,G) (Harms Yale Racing Pnrs) R Hannon 5-9-10	K Fallon	90
503	(9)	8-13005	WESTCOURT MAGIC 19 (D,F,G) (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 3-9-9	J Reid	88
504	(2)	323301	CROFT POOL 1 (CD,F,G) (Countrywide Classics Ltd) J Glover 5-9-7	S D Williams	90
505	(5)	2123	SPEED ON 42 (D,F) (P Deal) H Candy 3-8-6	C Rutter	85
506	(1)	342101	LUCKY PARKES 13 (D,F,G,S) (J Helen) J Berry 6-9-2	J Carroll	93
507	(3)	002020	AMAZING BAY 13 (D,F) (J Smith) I Balding 3-9-1	L Dettori	88
508	(7)	1-03401	BLUE IRIS 21 (D,F,G) (M Jarvis) M Jarvis 3-8-1	Pat Eddery	89
509	(4)	63-1103	FOND EMBRACE 13 (D,BF,F,S) (Commander G Marten) H Candy 3-9-1	G Carter	89

BETTING: 7-2 Blue Iris, 5-1 Lucky Parkes, Speed On, 6-1 Westcourt Magic, Brave Edge, 7-1 Anzio, 8-1 others

1995: EVENINGPERFORMANCE 4-9-2 W Newnes (9-2) H Candy 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANZIO beat Allleacht short-head in group III race at Leopardstown (5l, good) on penultimate start. WESTCOURT MAGIC 5½l 5th of 11 to Caranita in listed race at Newmarket (6f, good to soft). CROFT POOL beat Ziggy's Dance 2½l in 3-runner conditions race at Leicester (5f 5yd, firm) yesterday. SPEED ON 1l 2nd to Double Dack in conditions race at Sandown (5f, firm) on penultimate start. LUCKY PARKES beat Bowden Rose neck in conditions race at Lingfield (5f, good to soft) with FOND EMBRACE (2lb worse off) short-head 3rd, BRAVE EDGE (1lb worse off) neck 4th, AMAZING BAY (7lb better off) 4¾l 7th. AMAZING BAY ½l 2nd to Bawdon Rose in conditions race at Salisbury (5f, good) on penultimate start BLUE IRIS beat Clan Chief 1¼l in handicap at York (5f, good) with FOND EMBRACE (2lb worse off) 2½l 7th.
Selection: BLUE IRIS

4.10 TOTE-PORTLAND HANDICAP
(£17,316: 5f 140yd) (22 runners) C4

601	(8)	0-01600	SEA DANE 7 (F) (Carat Gold Connections) P Harris 3-9-10	K Fallon	84
602	(10)	110442	CYRANO'S LAD 7 (F,G) (M Foulgar) C Dwyer 7-9-4	W R Swinburn	88
603	(13)	100050	DOUBLE QUICK 11 (D,F,G,S) (The Hon E Beckett) M Johnston 4-9-2	J Reid	89
604	(7)	4004O8	THAT MAN AGAIN 13 (B,D,F,G) (J Duffy & P Jamieson) G Lewis 4-9-1	Pat Eddery	87
605	(3)	143-119	MIDNIGHT ESCAPE 21 (D,F,G) (M Ayers) C Wall 3-8-13	N Carlisle	88
606	(17)	421300	TEDBURROW 11 (C,D,F,G) (P Davies) Mrs A Naughton 4-8-11	J Carroll	93
607	(22)	410144	BOLSHOI 25 (B,CD,F) (Mrs D Brown) J Berry 4-8-10	Emma O'Gorman	93
608	(14)	432120	SYLVA PARADISE 39 (F,S) (Eddy Grimstead Honda) C Brittain 3-8-10	B Doyle	92
609	(16)	310331	SEA-DEER 11 (D,F,G,S) (Bonding Matters Ltd) C Dwyer 7-8-8	L Dettori	95
610	(2)	015335	SIR JOEY 18 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Sams) P Murphy 7-8-9	S Drowne	91
611	(1)	232-500	HIGH PRIORITY 13 (D,F) (Mrs E Sheehan) M Channon 3-8-9	R Perham	88
612	(5)	3-25000	CROSS THE BORDER 46 (D,F) (P Savill) D Nicholls 3-8-8	Alex Greaves	86
613	(12)	253440	RUSHCUTTER BAY 7 (D,F,G) (Treasure Seekers) T Clement 3-8-7	G Faulkner (5)	94
614	(19)	205444	LAGO DI VARANO 7 (V,CD,F,G,S) (The PBT Group) R Whitaker 4-8-5	D Mcknown	89
615	(11)	003003	FOR THE PRESENT 17 (F,G) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 6-8-5	F Lynch (3)	95
616	(16)	020-005	MUSICAL SEASON 89 (D,S) (P Savill) T Barron 4-8-5	K Darley	85
617	(21)	021220	TILER 22 (F,S) (Mrs C Robinson) M Johnston 4-8-5	M Hills	94
618	(9)	640060	LADY SHERIFF 11 (B,D,F,G) (E Mangan) R Hollinshead 5-8-4	K Shea (7)	93
619	(15)	601200	ANSELLMAN 18 (V,CD,F,G,S) (Ansells of Watford) J Berry 6-8-4	G Carter	97
620	(4)	060013	BOLD EFFORT 16 (V,F,G,S) (A Richards) N Cunningham-Brown 4-8-4	R Cochrane	93
621	(6)	0-30040	PERRYSTON VIEW 25 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 4-8-4	M Birch	94
622	(20)	000000	SAINT EXPRESS 22 (C,D,F,G) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-4	A Culhane	92

BETTING: 7-1 Cyrano's Lad, 10-1 Lago Di Varano, That Man Again, 12-1 For The Present, Sea-Deer, Sir Joey, Tedburrow, 14-1 Bold Effort, Bolshoi, Perryston View, Saint Express, Sylva Paradise, 16-1 others

1995: HELLO MISTER 4-8-7 P McCabe (7-1) J O'Donoghue 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

CYRANO'S LAD 1½l 2nd to Options Open in handicap at York (6f, good) with LAGO DI VARANO (6lb better off) 2¾l 4th. RUSHCUTTER BAY (3lb better off) 5l 6th and SEA DANE short-head 9th. MIDNIGHT ESCAPE beat SYLVA PARADISE (6lb worse off) head in handicap at Ascot (5f, good to firm), with RUSHCUTTER BAY (2lb better off) 5l 7th. BOLSHOI beat SYLVA PARADISE (1lb better off) short-head in handicap at Ascot (5f, good to firm) Jul 96, with TEDBURROW (5lb better off) 1½l 3rd and DOUBLE QUICK (8lb better off) about 1½l 5th. SEA-DEER beat Bring With The Band 1½l in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f) with LADY SHERIFF (4lb worse off) 12½l 11th. SIR JOEY 4½l 3rd to Coastal Bluff in Vodac Stewards' Cup at Goodwood (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start with BOLSHOI (8lb worse off) head 4th. LAGO DI VARANO (1lb better off) 3l 12th. SYLVA PARADISE (6lb worse off) 11 15th. BOLD EFFORT (6lb better off) 2¾l 22nd. FOR THE PRESENT (2lb worse off) 11 23rd and CYRANO'S LAD (2lb worse off) 6l 29th. FOR THE PRESENT 1½l 3rd to Laugh Eme in a handicap at Nottingham (6f, good to soft). BOLD EFFORT, 2nd in this race last year, 1½l 3rd to Owen Meany in handicap at Doncaster (5f, good).
Selection: BOLD EFFORT

4.40 LEGER RADIO LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,425: 1m 2f 60yd) (11 runners) C4

1	(8)	016210	DEADLINE TIME 12 (D,G,S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 9-1	K Darley	91
2	(4)	313900	BOWLED OVER 12 (G) (R Dyer) C Cyzer 8-13	K Fallon	91
3	(10)	002200	INFAMOUS 18 (S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-13	W Carson	90
4	(3)	222201	KING OF SPARTA 24 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-13	D Urbina	90
5	(5)	4-02123	TROJAN RISK 66 (BF,F) (J McCarthy) G Lewis 8-13	Pat Eddery	85
6	(6)	521520	IBERIAN DANCER 17 (F) (G Cullinan) J Hills 8-10	M Hills	92
7	(1)	50155	OOPS PETTIE 39 (D,BF,F) (Mrs D MacRae) Mrs J Cecil 8-10	W R Swinburn	90
8	(11)	0-00305	AILESBURY HILL 51 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8	L Dettori	85
9	(2)	150-528	CLASSIC FLYER 4 (F) (Classic Bloodstock Plc) R Harris 8-8	A Mackay	89
10	(9)	01-	DANCE STAR 321 (F) (N Yong) M Jarvis 8-8	Emma O'Gorman	88
11	(7)	2-20232	MAID FOR BAILEYS 17 (G Bailey Ltd) M Johnston 8-8	J Reid	88

BETTING: 3-1 Oops Pettie, 4-1 Maid For Baileys, Trojan Risk, 7-1 King Of Sparta, 8-1 Deadline Time, 10-1 others.

1995: OUT ON A PROMISE 8-11 M Hills (8-1) G Wragg 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

DEADLINE TIME neck 2nd of 8 to Fasal in rated stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm), Jun 96. INFAMOUS 1½l 2nd of 4 to Allstars Express in handicap at Warwick (1m 3f, firm), Jul 96. KING OF SPARTA short-head 2nd of 7 to Disallowed in maiden auction at Ripon (1m 1f, good to firm), Jul 95. TROJAN RISK 1¾l 3rd to Punkah in handicap at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm) OOPS PETTIE about 6l 5th to Barden Hill Boy in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm) CLASSIC FLYER 1¾l 2nd of 4 to General Macarthur in rated stakes at Beverley (1m 4f, good to firm) DANCE STAR beat Bulipen Belle 2½l in maiden at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). MAID FOR BAILEYS 2½l 3rd to Fatsywings in handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, firm).
Selection: TROJAN RISK

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Leicester

Going: firm

2.15 (1m 8yd) 1, IDRICA (L Dettori, 10-11 (av), 2, Mutrifaah (R Hills, Evens), 3, Clear The Air (M Hills, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Ela Paincia (5th), Tracks Of My Tears (4th) 5 ran. NR: Heavenly Dancer. NK, 10l, 7l, 4l J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80, £1.10, £1.10 DF: £1.10 CSF: £2.18

2.45 (1m 8yd) 1, CHAIRMANS DAUGHTER (R Hills, 10-1), 2, Jingolet (B Doyle, 16-1), 3, Sponduliclis (M Hills, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Cajun Sunset (4th), 9-2 Time Can Tell (6th), 8 Poly Moon, 10 Ginny Wossenname, 12 Sheraton Girl (5th), 14 Clonavon Girl, Hopperetta, 20 Chopin, Riva La Belle, Shandana, 33 Foolish Flutter, Top Titler. 15 ran. 2l, 1½l, 2½l, ¾l, 1¼l P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £13.50; £4.60, £4.60, £2.10. DF: £72.90. Trio: £176.20. CSF: £152.27. Tricast: £1,247.01

3.15 (7f 9yd) 1, DON'T GET CAUGHT (Deam McKeown, 16-1), 2, Sharp Monty (F Lynch, 14-1), 3, Windswept (P McCabe, 13-2 fav), 4, Ivor's Dead (G Duffield, 7-1) ALSO RAN: 7 Mister Woodstock (6th), 8 Our Shadee, 9 Perilous Plight (5th), 10 Welcome Lu, 14 Morocco, 16 Anita's Contessa, Awesome Venture, 20 Bright Diamond, Euphylia, 25 Dungeon Princess, Media Express, Mystical Maid, Tina-Lirra, 33 Chalky Dancer, Oriole, Rothley Imp. 20 ran. 2½l, hd, ¾l, ¾l, ¾l J L Harris at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £29.00, £8.00, £2.90, £1.50. £1.80. DF: £184.50. Trio: £442.40 (part won, pool of £373.89 carried forward to 4.10 at Doncaster today) CSF: £213.12 Tricast: £1,511.54

3.45 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, POLAR CHAMP (L Dettori, 4-5 fav); 2, Mutanassib (W Carson, 7-2); 3, King Kato (K Darley, 10-1) ALSO RAN: 4 Flamanda (4th), 20 Magic Pole (6th), 33 Snowy Mantle (5th). 66 Good, Kaye's Secret. 8 ran. NR: Filmore West, Squandermania, St Honorine. 1l, sh hd, 4l, 11l, 8l, S Woods at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60: £1.10, £1.70, £2.40 DF: £2.60. Trio: £8.30. CSF: £4.24.

4.15 (7f 9yd) 1, SUNBEAM DANCE (G Carter, 3-1 fav), 2, Kahal (W Carson, 6-1), 3, Cosmic Prince (K Darley, 14-1) ALSO RAN: 5 Desert Track (5th), 13-2 Crystal Gold, 8 Zaretski (4th), 11 Vanishing Trick (6th), 14 Hartshorn, Jabb, 25 Atlantic Desire, Spaniard's Mount. 33 Sand Island, 50 Mendoza. 13 ran. NR: Hint. Sh hd, 4l, 3l, nk, 2½l S bin Suroor at Newmarket. Tote: £3.10, £1.10, £3.10, £6.60. DF: £13.60. Trio: £98.90. CSF: £15.41

4.45 (5f 2yd) 1, CROFT POOL (S D Williams, 5-4 fav), 2, Ziggy's Dancer (K Fallon, 7-2); 3, Espartero (G Duffield, 13-8) 3 ran. 2½l, 1¼l J Glover. Tote: £2.20. DF: £3.50. CSF: £4.55

5.15 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, WHITE PLAINS (R Mullen, 7-2)' 2, Hawkish (F Lynch, 100-30 fav); 3, Rival Bid (C Teague, 12-1) ALSO RAN: 6 Essavoffsee (6th), 7 Aerolang, 10 Sea God (4th), 11 Ambidextrous, Milltown Classic, 14 Diamond Crown (5th), 20 Tulgamala, 50 Prince Zidm, Space And Sugar. 12 ran. 2l, ½l, 2½l, ¾l, 2l, M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £5.90, £2.80, £1.20, £2.30. DF: £10.50. Trio: £42.80. CSF: £15.13. Tricast: £116.08

Placepot: £33.40. Quadpot: £9.70.

Lingfield Park

Going: good to firm (turf course); standard (all-weather)

2.00 (6f) 1, Saint Who (Emma O'Gorman, 6-4 fav), 2, Manikato (4-1), 3, Hallmark (2-1) 5 ran. NR: Broadgate Flyer, Calamander. 6l, ½l W O'Gorman. Tote: £2.60, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £6.80. CSF: £7.13.

2.30 (7f) 1, Indihash (R Price, 7-1) 2, Woodista (11-4 fav), 3, Etoile (8-1) 12 ran. NR: Golden Goddess, Kayzee. 1¼l, hd, R Armstrong. Tote: £10.40, £2.60, £1.70, £2.80. DF: £9.70. Trio: £34.00. CSF: £24.94.

3.00 (7f) 1, Consul (W Ryan, 5-4 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap), 2, Chorus Song (9-4); 3, Hope Chest (7-1). 14 ran. 1½l, hd, H Cecil. Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £2.00. Trio: £2.50. CSF: £4.60.

3.30 (7f 140yd) 1, Stride (D Sweeney, 10-1), 2, Julietta Mia (20-1); 3, Palsemon (12-1); 4, Castles Burning (33-1) Rumbustious. 11-4 fav. 16 ran. NR: Smart Boy. 1¼l, 1½l, M Meade. Tote: £9.20; £2.10, £6.90, £3.60, £22.20. DF: £177.50. Trio: £372.10. CSF: £180.43. Tricast: £2,296.23.

4.00 (1m 2f, AW) 1, Comedy River (G Hind, 9-1), 2, Awesome Power (6-1); 3, Cherry Garden (11-1) Medfand. 5-2 fav. 14 ran. 3l, 10l. N Berry. Tote: £13.40; £2.80, £1.50, £3.10. DF: £27.20. Trio: £63.90. CSF: £63.82. Tricast: £568.31

4.30 (7f) 1, Jumairah Sunset (S Whitworth, 12-1), 2, Regal Splendour (20-1), 3, Don Bosio (5-2 fav). 15 ran. NR: Blue Jumbo, Katatonic, Martindale. Nk, 2½l A Stewart. Tote: £11.30, £2.50, £5.20, £1.60. DF: £562.00. Trio: £265.70. CSF: £187.32.

5.00 (7f) 1, Chewit (Candy Morris, 16-1), 2, Utmost Zeal (13-2); 3, Rakia (11-1), 4, Cancature (7-1). Shadow Casting. 9-2 fav. 18 ran. ½l, 1½l, A Moore. Tote: £38.70; £7.30, £3.70, £3.30, £2.60. DF: £447.10. Trio: £582.40 (part won, pool of £333.79 carried forward to 4.10 at Doncaster today). CSF: £119.93. Tricast: £1,185.70

5.30 (1m 3f 106yd) 1, Possessive Artiste (J

CRICKET: ENGLAND TRUST IN SILVERWOOD'S PROMISE AND NEW-FOUND MATURITY OF AN OLDER MAVERICK

Hussain identified as Atherton's heir

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE accession of Nasser Hussain to the England captaincy and the restoration of Philip Tufnell as a Test-match spin bowler would once have been considered an implausible double. The prospect, however, was advanced yesterday when Hussain was named as vice-captain of the 15-man party to tour Zimbabwe and New Zealand this winter, and Tufnell was included among his travelling companions.

Hussain and Tufnell are volatile characters who have had to undergo similar conversions. Plainly, the selectors believe in Hussain's new maturity, for they have now officially identified him as the heir to Michael Atherton's job. For Tufnell, selection represents an unlikely reprieve, a last opportunity to harness an acceptable approach to undeniable talent.

The same privilege was not, however, extended to Chris Lewis. Despite playing all six Tests this summer, he has not been forgiven for turning up late at the Oval and has much to do to revive his England career. So, too, does Graeme Hick, an automatic selection at the start of the year but rating barely a mention now.

"I have got at least one more comeback in me," was Lewis's defiant response to exclusion. He may find that the selectors disagree and they also appear to have formed a firm view about Hick's position. Soon after hearing confirmation that he would not be touring his homeland yesterday, Hick was out for nought to a 17-year-old making his debut for Nottinghamshire. It was symbolic of his shocking summer.

Notable among others contentiously omitted is Peter Martin, but it is refreshing and progressive that his place on the senior tour has gone to Chris Silverwood, 21, the main beneficiary of the youth policy that was Raymond Illingworth's parting wish as chairman of selectors.

Illingworth, who retires from the post with "some sadness and disappointment", chaired his last meeting on Monday evening and it took the panel a little over two hours to come up with the two tour parties. The chairman's desire for a young A team was fulfilled; six of the 14 chosen for the trip to Australia are 23 or under and Owais Shah, of Middlesex, is only 17 and still at school. The team will be led by Adam Hollioake, of Surrey, 25 last week and a long-term candidate to captain the Test side.

TOUR PARTIES

ENGLAND

M A Atherton (Lancashire, captain)
N Hussain (Essex, vice-captain)
A R Caddick (Somerset)
D G Cork (Derbyshire)
J P Crawley (Lancashire)
R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
D Gough (Yorkshire)
R C Irani (Essex)
N V Knight (Warwickshire)
A D Mullally (Leicestershire)
R C Russell (Gloucestershire)
C E W Silverwood (Yorkshire)
A J Stewart (Surrey)
G P Thorpe (Surrey)
P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)

TOUR MANAGER: J R T Barclay. Coach: D Lloyd. Physiotherapist: W P Morton. Scorer: M N Ashton.

ENGLAND A

A J Hollioake (Surrey, captain)
M A Butcher (Surrey)
G Chapple (Lancashire)
M A Ealham (Kent)
J E R Gallian (Lancashire)
A F Giles (Warwickshire)
A J Harris (Derbyshire)
D W Headley (Kent)
W K Hegg (Lancashire)
A McGrath (Yorkshire)
O A Shah (Middlesex)
P M Such (Essex)
M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)
C White (Yorkshire)

TOUR MANAGER: D A Graveney. Coach: G A Gooch. Physiotherapist: D Conway

Like Hollioake, Hussain is not yet captain of his county but his leadership credentials, established on the A tour of Pakistan last winter, are now acknowledged. Although born only five days after Atherton, he is far younger in terms of experience and has now usurped Alec Stewart as the alternative captain.

Illingworth indicated that Hussain would take on the job whenever Atherton no longer wanted it, and hinted that this could occur within a year. It is Atherton's greatest wish to win the Ashes; if he fails, next summer, he may decide to stand down. "We have nothing against Alec," Illingworth said. "It's age more than anything. If Michael wants to give up, we would look to move forward with a younger captain."

Hussain was the final addition to a management team in which David Lloyd will continue as coach, having resolved his contractual differences with the Test and County Cricket Board. Among Lloyd's most exacting tasks, and one he will doubtless share with his assistant, John Emburey, will be the careful handling of Tufnell.

Illingworth did not attempt to disguise the unofficial prohibition order that has hung over Tufnell since his bizarre conduct on the tour of Australia two winters ago. There had been a tacit agreement that he should not be taken overseas again and so, Illingworth said, "there was not much point in picking him for home games".

Partly through the shortcomings of other spin bowlers, but more pertinently because it is believed he has reformed, Tufnell re-emerged as a candidate for this tour. Once the right soundings had been taken, and comforting endorsements received, the rest was relatively easy, for nobody seriously disputes that he is the best slow bowler in the country.

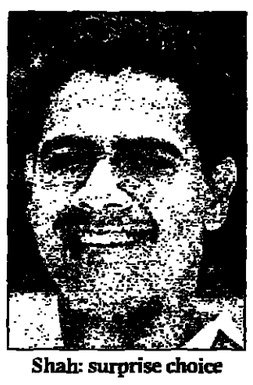
Atherton supported his selection after being one of his 13 victims in a championship game at Old Trafford last week. During that match, Atherton consulted Mike Gatting, Tufnell's captain at Middlesex, and it was this reference, according to Illingworth, which "tipped the scales". Tufnell will tour, however, with a clear warning about any further misconduct. "It is up to him to show us that he can stay with it this time," Illingworth said.

There are no such doubts about the temperament of Silverwood, a solid, uncomplicated player, who has bowled superbly with the new ball throughout Yorkshire's successful season. "There is a lot of Brian Statham in him," Illingworth said, which was high praise indeed. "He loves to bowl, and if he beats the bat, he just turns round and gets back to his mark."

This has not always been the case with Dominic Cork, but it is not for his habitual theatricals that his touring programme is still in doubt. The likelihood is that he will make the full trip but it is to be left to the team management to decide, nearer departure time, whether it would benefit him more to stay in England for some of the Zimbabwe leg.

The welcome return of Darren Gough and Andy Caddick completed the seam attack and the liveliest discussion of the evening concerned the all-rounder's position. It went to Ronnie Irani, with both Mark Ealham and Craig White being chosen for the A team, and Illingworth suggested the deciding factor was an indefinable aspect of his approach. "If you work with Irani, you realise how much he wants it," he said. "He is the best batsman of the contenders and now he has to work on his bowling."

Illingworth intends to be lapping up the winter sunshine at his Spanish villa while England are away on tour but he made it plain that he does not expect to be hearing of their demise. "We should win and win well," he said. "If we don't, we've got real problems."



Shah: surprise choice

TOUR ITINERARIES

ENGLAND

ZIMBABWE: Nov 30: v Districts (Harare) Dec 1: v President's XI (Harare) 3-6: v Mashonaland (Harare) 8: v Matabeleland (Bulawayo) 10-13: v Matabeleland (Bulawayo) 15: v Zimbabwe, first one-day international (Bulawayo) 18-22: v Zimbabwe, first Test (Bulawayo) 26-30: v Zimbabwe, second Test (Harare) Jan 1, 1997: v Zimbabwe, second one-day international (Harare) 3: v Zimbabwe, third one-day international (Harare)

NEW ZEALAND: Jan 10: v NZ Academy XI (New Plymouth). 13-16: v Select XI (Palmerston North). 18-21: v Northern Districts (Hamilton) 24-28: v New Zealand, first Test (Auckland) 30-Feb 2: v New Zealand A (Wanganui). 6-10: v New Zealand, second Test (Wellington). 14-18: v New Zealand, third Test (Christchurch) 20: v New Zealand, first one-day international (day/night, Christchurch) 23: v New Zealand, second one-day international (Auckland). 28: v New Zealand, third one-day international (day/night, (Napier). Mar 1: v New Zealand, fourth one-day international (Auckland) 4: v New Zealand, fifth one-day international (Wellington).

ENGLAND A

AUSTRALIA: Oct 31-Nov 3: v New South Wales Second XI (Tamworth) 6: v South Australia (Adelaide) 8-11: v South Australia (Adelaide) 15-18: v Australian Cricket Academy (Mount Gambier) 21-24: v Victoria (Melbourne) 28: v Australia Capital Territory (Canberra) 30-Dec 3: v Australia Capital Territory (Canberra) Dec 5: v New South Wales (Sydney) 7: v New South Wales (Wroolongong). 10-13: v Queensland (Brisbane).

OLD TRAFFORD SCOREBOARD

AXA Equity & Law League

Lancashire v Middlesex

OLD TRAFFORD (Middlesex won toss) Lancashire (4pts) beat Middlesex by six wickets

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes c McKeown b Green	23
K P Dutch c Fairbrother b Chapple	0
M R Ramprakash st Hegg b Watkinson	74
J C Pooley c Gallian b Green	10
*M W Gatting b Yates	10
†K R Brown b Watkinson	21
O A Shah not out	10
R L Johnson run out	1
Extras (lb 3, w 13)	16
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	165

J P Hewitt, R A Fay and A R C Fraser did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-50 3-74 4-87, 5-138, 6-163, 7-165

BOWLING: Chapple 7-1-19-1, Martin 6-2-18-0; Gallian 5-1-27-0; Green 6-0-23-2; Yates 8-0-31-1, Watkinson 8-0-44-2

LANCASHIRE

J E R Gallian c Brown b Hewitt	9
P C McKeown c Fay b Hewitt	17
J P Crawley b Hewitt	46
G D Lloyd b Weekes	58
N H Fairbrother not out	17
*M Watkinson not out	5
Extras (lb 5, w 9)	14
Total (4 wkts, 37.5 overs)	166

†W K Hegg, G Yates, P J Martin, G Chapple and R J Green did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-34, 3-137, 4-153

BOWLING: Fraser 8-1-25-0; Hewitt 8-0-36-3 Johnson 8-0-36-0; Fay 4-1-13-0 Dutch 4-0-31-0; Weekes 5.5-0-28-1

Umpires: V A Holder and R A White

Shah ready for stern examination

BY SIMON WILDE

IT HAS taken a long time, but at last it has happened. The selectors have picked a player not because he has served his time on the county circuit, regularly scoring 1,000 runs or taking 50 wickets, but because he is touched with magic. They have glimpsed an exciting future, and they want the future to happen now.

That said, the facts about Owais Alam Shah, who was named yesterday in the England A team to tour Australia, are remarkable. He will be 18 the day before the party departs next month and has appeared in precisely three first-class matches, the first of them for Middlesex 34 days ago. He is still at Lampton School and will sit his A levels next summer.

Don Bennett, the Middlesex coach, rarely sees Shah, who has played for county age-group sides since he was 11, because he spends so much of his time — when he is not at school — playing for national youth teams. He did that so well that he usually appeared for an age group at least one higher than his "natural" one. Once, playing for England Under-15 against the under-16 side, he scored 232.

On the few occasions he did see him, it was a long time before Bennett saw him go on the back foot. "No one was quick enough to force him back. He just smashed the ball," he said. Bennett watched him play for Middlesex in the AXA Equity & Law League match at Old Trafford yesterday, but still saw little. Shah coming in with 29 balls of the innings left. He scored a composed 10 not out.

"He can still be very young in lots of ways," Graham Saville, the coach of England Under-19, for whom Shah has played for the past year, said yesterday. "But, like Anthony McGrath, once he gets in, he gives the impression he will give nothing away, as he showed by batting seven hours for 139 in Zimbabwe last February." McGrath is the nearest thing to a precedent to Shah, but he was three years older when he toured with England A last year.

Shah was born in Karachi and came to England with his parents six years ago and whether he goes on the A tour will depend on them, and his headmaster, agreeing to him missing seven weeks of school. Shah is worried about what the effect will be on his studies.

Saville was recently sounded out about which were the best of his under-19 players by Graham Gooch, an England selector. "I had no hesitation in giving him my choice and it was Shah first, ahead of Ben Hollioake and David Sales. They have got to be mentally strong enough, and I think he is. It will be hard cricket in Australia and do him enormous good."

GRAHAM MORRIS



Tufnell, right, and his mentor, Emburey, look forward to a productive tour yesterday

Wayward Tufnell given one last chance to prove himself

Alan Lee welcomes a tour recall for the Middlesex spinner

English sport makes a habit of distancing itself from potential trouble by alienating its maverick characters. Yesterday, however, Philip Tufnell, whose cricket career has flouted conformity in every way, discovered he was no longer an outcast.

Tufnell, whose conduct and approach infuriated successive England managements to the point when it was implicit that he would not be taken on tour again, was named in the 15-man party to visit Zimbabwe and New Zealand this winter.

In announcing this remarkable reprieve, Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, explained: "He did not have a good tour in Australia two years ago but he has served a fair, long sentence. We have been assured that he has improved in the directions we wanted him to."

This ambiguous diplomacy did not concern Tufnell's cricketing ability, which has never been greatly in doubt. It means that he is being given a final chance to prove that, at 30, he has grown up. It may also mean that the selectors have wearied of punishing themselves, as well as Tufnell, by picking patently inferior spin bowlers.

On the last Australian tour, in November 1994, Tufnell came close to being sent home after going missing for 24 hours. It transpired that he had spent the night in a psychiatric unit after reacting severely to some domestic worries.

Earlier that year, Tufnell had been jailed for a night and subsequently charged with assaulting his former fiancée. His county, Middlesex, allowed him two months' leave to put his affairs in order, a compassionate response from a club that has done all in its power to reform its wayward talent.

Tufnell has never been far from controversy. He was asked to leave his public school, Highgate, after a series of misdemeanours and his ten years in cricket have been punctuated by instances of his volatile nature.

It is on tour that he has been a trial to his team-mates, however. He received fines in both India, in 1992, and Australia, and drove Graham Gooch, the former captain, to distraction. Gooch is a member of the current selection panel and will have needed more persuasion that most of Tufnell's conversion.

Tufnell said yesterday: "I know there are people who think I have been difficult on tour and there are a few things I regret. But I have put all that behind me now and I just want to play for England." Intriguingly, for one whose image is essentially beer and fags, he says he now spends more time in garden centres than his local pub.

There are enough endorsements on Tufnell's touring licence to ensure that he will be sent home if he steps out of line just once this winter. But nobody can doubt that he is back because he is the best spin bowler available. Since 1990, England have won only four overseas Test matches and Tufnell has played a prominent part in them all.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Equity & Law League

Warwickshire v Essex

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss) Warwickshire (4pts) beat Essex by six wickets

ESSEX

D D J Robinson lbw b Brown	0
A P Grayson run out	7
N Hussain b Giles	40
*P J Prichard c Munton b Welch	17
T P Hodgson c Penney b Small	0
J J B Lewis not out	45
†B J Hyam run out	0
M C Ilott c Penney b Small	1
A P Cowan not out	22
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 1)	5
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	138

S J W Andrew and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-12, 3-44, 4-56, 5-74, 6-75, 7-76.

BOWLING: Munton 8-3-28-0; Brown 8-3-22-1, Welch 5-0-18-1; Small 8-0-30-2; Giles 8-1-19-1, Smith 3-1-19-0.

WARWICKSHIRE

W G Khan c Hussain b Ilott	8
N M K Smith c Ilott b Grayson	49
M Burns c Ilott b Cowan	24
D R Brown c and b Cowan	8
T L Penney not out	38
†K J Piper not out	7
Extras (lb 4, w 4)	8
Total (4 wkts, 34.2 overs)	142

N V Knight, G Welch, A F Giles, G C Small and *T A Munton did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-71, 3-85, 4-117

BOWLING: Ilott 6-0-26-1; Andrew 8-0-26-0; Such 8-0-31-0; Cowan 8-0-36-2; Grayson 6-0-15-1; Lewis 0.2-0-4-0

Umpires: K E Palmer and G Sharp.

Tetley Bitter Trophy

Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire

SCARBOROUGH (Worcestershire won toss) Worcestershire beat Nottinghamshire by 13 runs

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T M Moody c Noon b Franks	20
T S Curtis b Dowman	91
G A Hick lbw b Franks	0
W P C Weston b Hart	7
K R Spring b Hart	1
V S Solanki c Noon b Hart	0
D A Leatherdale c Robinson b Afzaal	24
†I Dawood b Dowman	17
R J Chapman b Dowman	13
S W K Ellis not out	5
M Rawnsley not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 5, nb 4)	20
Total (9 wkts, 47 overs)	202

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-39, 3-54, 4-58, 5-58, 6-111, 7-176, 8-191, 9-198

BOWLING: Tolley 10-3-34-0, Franks 10-3-36-2; Hart 10-0-38-3; Dowman 5-0-23-3, Bates 8-1-36-0; Afzaal 4-0-24-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

*R T Robinson c Hick b Chapman	4
M P Dowman lbw b Ellis	14
G F Archer b Chapman	15
P R Pollard not out	82
U Afzaal c Moody b Chapman	0
C M Tolley b Rawnsley	35
R T Bates c Moody b Solanki	10
†W M Noon st Dawood b Solanki	2
A A Metcalfe lbw b Solanki	3
J P Hart c Dawood b Leatherdale	12
P J Franks lbw b Leatherdale	2
Extras (b 3, lb 4, w 9, nb 4)	20
Total (46 overs)	189

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-33, 3-41, 4-42, 5-94, 6-129, 7-138, 8-159, 9-185

BOWLING: Chapman 6-1-32-3; Ellis 5-1-20-1; Leatherdale 8-1-34-2, Moody 7-0-23-0, Rawnsley 10-0-36-1, Solanki 10-0-37-3

Umpires: J H Hampshire and B Leadbeater.

RADIO CHOICE

A universal puzzlement

Companion to the Cosmos. *Radio 4, 9.00pm.*

No complaints from me about the actual quality of Geoff Proudley's musical threads that embroider John Gribbin's cosmological series. It's just that I can't puzzle out what their purpose is. Scientific types don't need them because they require no inducements to stay with programmes that are food and drink to them. Non-scientific types like me resent them because sugaring the pill reflects on our ignorance. And anyway, I never know what to concentrate on, the words or the music. *Companion to the Cosmos* comes clean and admits it doesn't know how the Universe began, though it does come up with some fascinating ideas about the first billion-billionth of a second of its existence.

Classic FM Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*

Manchester's brand-new concert hall opens tonight. It is the Bridgewater Hall, a 2,400-seat steel and glass affair which cost something like £42 million. It will compete with the Free Trade Hall, long associated with the Hallé Orchestra, which will now be housed at the Bridgewater. Tonight's gala concert features the Hallé and its choir under Kent Nagano. Two works in particular should test the new hall's acoustics. Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast* and Elgar's *Enigma Variations*. There's also a world premiere: George Benjamin's *Sometime Voices*, with baritone William Dazely as soloist.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session, with Mary Anne Hobbs and Steve Lamacq **9.00** Alan Parker — Road Warrior (r) **10.00** Mark Lamarr **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Martin Kelner, incl **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** The Hidden Tradition (4/4) **8.30** Simple Gifts (2/2) **9.00** South African Celebration (1/5) **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl guest of the day, and at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** Trevor Brooking's Football Night, Action from the first round in the European Champions' League, with Manchester United and Rangers hoping for European glory **10.05** News Talk Top political stories of the week **11.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **12.05am** After Hours, with John Dramond **2.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST.** News on the Hour **5.30** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Megamix **8.15** Off the Shelf: *Tender is the Night* (8/20) **8.30** Discovery **9.15** Concert Hall **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf: *Tender is the Night* (8/20) **12.30pm** Thirty-Minute Drama: *The End of Lieutenant Boruvka* **1.30** Composer of the Month **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Science View **6.30** News in German **7.30** Discovery **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Word of Faith **9.30** Multitrack X Press **10.05** World Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian (On Screen) **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.10am** Science View **12.15** Country Style **12.30** Multitrack X Press **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Meridian **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Breakfast Show **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto Delius (Cello Concerto) Nielsen (Flute Concerto) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight, with Jane Markham **8.30** Sonata. Alwyn (Oboe Sonata) **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert See Choice **10.00** Michael Mappin, incl at **11.35** Nocturne **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (**FM**) ; Robin Banks (**AM**) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Jeremy Clark

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Dukas ; Grieg, Ravel, Bach, Delibes and Schoenberg
9.00 Morning Collection. Includes Mozart (Symphony No 27 in G), Pergolesi (Salve Regina); Ketelbey (Bells across the Meadows); Liszt (Totentanz)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes Vivaldi (Concerto in F), Alain (Dances a Agni Yavishta); Debussy (Iberia, Images), Anon (Cunctl simus concanentes (or solo voice, Libre vermelli); Mozart (Horn Quintet in E flat); Poulenc (Elegie). Alain (Litanies); Wagner (Parsifal, excerpts)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Bach
1.00pm Manchester Summer Recitals. Douglas Boyd, piano, and Susan Tomes, violin mark the 80th birthday of Henri Dutilleux. Schumann (Three romances, Op 94; Piano Sonata fur die Jugend in G, Op 118 No 1; Julien Zur Erinnerung, Fantasiestucke, Op 73); Dutilleux (Sonata)
2.00 Midweek Choice. Includes Vejvoda (Beer Barrel Polka); Mozart (Cantata, Grabmusik), Warlock (Serenade for Strings)
4.00 Choral Evensong
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 In Tune Couperin (Concert No 1 in G, Concerts Royaux, 1722); Chabrier (Souvenirs de Munich); Debussy (Trois Chansons de Bilitis)
7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Olivier Charlier, violin, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano, BBC Philharmonic, under Yan Pascal Tortelier Dutilleux (Violin Concerto, L'Arbre des Songes) **7.55** Collaboration and Resistance, with Roger Nichols **8.15** Proms Part 2 Messiaen (Turangalila Symphony)
10.00 Voices. Felicity Lott, soprano, Susan Bickley, mezzo, Stephen Varcoe, baritone, Graham Johnson, London Soubert Chorale, under Stephen Layton. Reynaldo Hahn (L'heure exquise; Fetes galantes, 12 Rondels; La derniere valse)
10.45 Mask. A masque for Henri Purcell with text by Ian Burton and sound composition by Ron Geesin (r)
11.30 Composers of the Week: Fella, Gerhard and the Heritage of Spain. (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Kenny Davern, Ken Peplowski and Dave Cliff in concert
1.00 Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** P G Wodehouse's Golf Stories (1/2) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves
10.00 News; Return to Sender (FM)
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Masala FM, by Meera Syal Set in East London's premier Asian community radio station (2/6) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Cinderella Service, by Julia Stoneham. (3/3) (r)
2.45 From Their Own Correspondent (r)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini reviews the film *A Time to Kill*
4.45 Short Story: The Tree, by Susan Ahass
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1996
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts. John Waite returns with a new series in which he and his team of investigators follow up listeners' complaints
7.45 Probe: Fraud and Misconduct (1/4) (r)
8.30 Calling the Game. Eddie Butler passes comment on sports commentators
9.00 Companion to the Cosmos. See Choice
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Jeremy Harris
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Poor Old Man, by Clare Boylan Read by Gillian Bevan (1/3)
11.00 My Life as a Car. Phil Daniels stars in a comedy series by Mark Wallington (4/6)
11.30 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare by Desmond Olivier Dingle.
12.00 News and **12.27am** approx Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Some Kind of Black (8/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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Once past the elephants, it all became clear

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

When a four-star general starts talking elephants, it tends to be time to take away his weapons of war. Thankfully, however, General Norman Schwarzkopf has already swapped his for retirement, which meant we could sit back and enjoy **Timewatch: Hannibal and Desert Storm** (BBC2) without worrying . . . well, not too much.

It was time to talk elephants, serious elephants. Did you know, for instance, that Hannibal's *mahouts* went into battle armed with a sharp spike and a hammer? Or that going up the Alps on an elephant is one thing, but coming down quite another? Or even, that if you are about to set off on a 1,200-mile march through Spain, across France and into Italy, you are best off taking Indian elephants or, failing them, African forest elephants? The African bush elephant would barely get you past Gibraltar, apparently.

"What's all this got to do with Desert Storm?" you're asking. And for the first ten minutes of last night's fascinating programme, I asked myself exactly the same question. But after a few sweeping statements, such as "the truth is that it was Hannibal who inspired the battle plans used to such devastating effect by the allied coalition in the Gulf", it quickly became clear that the answer was "precious little".

For what we had here was not quite the complex comparison of military tactics that it purported to be. This was a straightforward history lesson, a welcome and well told reminder of what Hannibal actually did once he had got those elephants over the Alps. Maps and computer graphics kept the geography and battles under control, while Schwarzkopf supplied the admiring footnotes: "The first thing I ever learned in the study of military art was about the great captains, and the great captains start with Hannibal."

"Military art", it emerged, is one of those curious euphemisms for killing people, an art in which Hannibal of Carthage was well versed. On the banks of the Trebbia, his forces killed 20,000 Roman soldiers before breakfast. At Lake Trasimeno, the Romans lost 30,000 more. These, however, were but warm-ups to the big one — Cannae, when 80,000 legionnaires took on the remnants of Hannibal's footsore but battle-hardened army — and lost.

According to Schwarzkopf he pulled off this "superb victory" by employing three principles of war: mass, manoeuvre and . . . one that I've forgotten, so for goodness sake don't ask me to lead you into battle. Was it muscle? Or mayhem perhaps? Who knows, but there would have been plenty of both, according to our man in the shadows, Andy McNab. Killing 50,000 Romans in a single day, he pointed out, would have been a messy business.

Schwarzkopf was confident there were parallels to be drawn between Cannae and Desert Storm. But for all his maps and diagrams I wasn't altogether convinced. No elephants, for a start.

We seemed on surer ground when the producer, Jonathan Stamp, turned his attention to what happened next. For just as the Allies never got to Baghdad, Hannibal never marched on Rome. He believed that the humiliation inflicted at Cannae would cause the collapse of the Roman political system. Just like the Allies, he was wrong.

The killing got more specific in **Network First: A View to a Kill** (ITV). There were names, faces, stories. In 1988 Leo Jenkins, a convicted burglar freed from a Texas prison under a controversial early release scheme, shot and killed Mark and Kara Kelley in the pawn shop they ran for their parents. Eight years later the state of Texas was about to kill Jenkins. What made this tragic story unusual was that for the first time, the victims' relatives would be allowed to watch the execution.

Understandably, Rod Williams's film of the week leading up to the execution concentrated on Linda Kelley, Mark and Kara's mother, a decision which in turn made it impossible to come to any objective conclusions about the rights and wrongs of what was going on. Like the Kelleys, we were too close.

But not close enough for some. *People* magazine had passed up on the Kelleys' story when it learned that it would not be able to witness the execution. It is to Williams's credit that his film kept such voyeuristic tendencies firmly at bay.

It was the detail that stuck in the memory. The fact that there is a dress code for watching executions — "no tanktops, cut-offs or see-through fabrics". The discovery that the condemned man's last meal is not anything he wants, but anything he wants which happens to be in the prison kitchen. Jenkins was a cheeseburger and fries man. Others apparently are more ambitious. "Some eat like it's literally their last meal," said one cheery warder. "Which, of course, it is." If this was gallows humour, I wanted none of it.

The film's concluding scenes were marked by a curious disagreement about the destination of Jenkins's soul. According to the rose-tinted account proffered by the prison chaplain, he had repented and was en route to Heaven. Linda Kelley, whose initial reaction to the execution was simply "I feel much better now", was in no doubt. Jenkins was dead and going straight to Hell.

Finally, a word or three about Steven Clarke's stylish but superficial look at the door-to-door salesmen of the Wesleyan Assurance Company for **Picture This: Life at a Premium** (BBC2). The financial services industry will never have an easier ride.

● *Lynne Truss is on holiday*

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (65121) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (96492) **9.00 Breakfast News Extra** (Ceefax) (8695169)

9.20 Style Challenge (3358643) **9.45 Kilroy** (1300169) **10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook** (74072)

11.00 News and weather (4682701)

11.05 Erebus: The Aftermath. (1/2) Film dramatisation of the controversy surrounding one of the world's worst air disasters — the destruction of an Air New Zealand DC10, which flew into the side of a mountain in November 1979 (r) (55790140)

12.50pm Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes (19159275)

1.00 News and weather (94409) **1.30 Regional News** (45342879)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (32610898) **2.00 Call My Bluff** (6278091) **2.35 Turnabout** (1814169) **3.00 A Week in the Country** (5850)

3.30 Ants in Your Pants (8198343) **3.50 CluckleVision** (8185879) **4.10 Get Your Own Back** (7695140) **4.35 Cartoon Critters** (4828546) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (7901362) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (2614121) **5.35 Neighbours** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (179275)

6.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (817)

6.30 Regional news (169)

7.00 Small Talk Quiz show hosted by Ronnie Corbett (Ceefax) (s) (7459)

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Howard Stableford reports from Australia on how mothers-to-be can now get an extraordinary memento of their unborn baby — a 3D plastic model of the foetus while it is still in the womb. Plus news from America on a revolutionary new, dimpled, baseball bat. Shahnaz Pakravan tests it (Ceefax) (s) (463)

8.00 CHOICE **Big Cat Diary.** Topical wildlife reports from Kenya's Masai Mara. Simon King and Jonathan Scott follow the action as a camera crew trails a cheetah and her cubs, a pride of lions and the elusive leopard (Ceefax) (s) (3879)

8.30 Next of Kin. Comedy series with Penelope Keith and William Gaunt (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5614)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News, regional news and weather (8053)

9.30 The Thin Blue Line: Night Shift. Ben Elton's comedy series set in Gasforth police station. The station is full of juvenile yobs, but then that's CID for you (r) (Ceefax) (s) (42530)

10.00 CHOICE **QED: Life on Ice** (Ceefax) (s) (992508)

10.35 International Come Dancing. (1/2) (s) (710091)

11.25 FILM: The Sunshine Boys (1975). Comedy based on the successful Broadway play by Neil Simon. Two former vaudeville comedians agree to bury the hatchet and come out of retirement to do a television special. With Walter Matthau, George Burns, Richard Benjamin and Lee Meredith. Directed by Herbert Ross (344343)

1.15am-1.20 Weather (2520638)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Maths (2326169) **6.25 Science and Nuclear Waste** (2338904) **6.50 Rural Life: Image and Reality** (1543546)

7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (9069188) **7.55 Get Your Own Back** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2211324) **8.20 Mr Benn** (6105091) **8.35 Lassie** (r) (2680898) **9.00 Blitz on Cartooning** (r) (s) (76430)

9.30 Brainwaves (s) (6348121) **9.35 Today's Gourmet** (r) (3892166) **10.00 Playdays** (s) (3883508) **10.25 The History Man** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7072411) **10.30 On the Road Again** (Ceefax) (72614)

11.00 TUC Conference. Today's debates include the minimum wage, full employment and economic policy (s) (83614)

1.00pm The World of Wines: Port and Madeira (97121) **1.30 Working Lunch** (99879) **2.00 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams** (r) (50177695)

2.15 TUC Conference. Further coverage from Blackpool. Includes News; Regional News and weather at **3.00pm** (193169)

3.55 News and Weather (Ceefax) (4828898)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (782) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (966) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (s) (9574898) **5.40 Flying Vets** (691072)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. The Last Outpost (r) (Ceefax) (s) (504324)

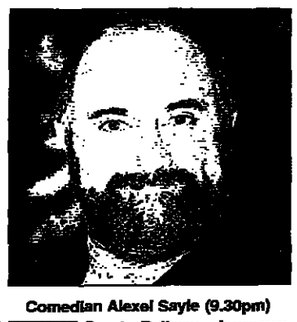
6.45 Kicking and Screaming: The Route to 66. In 1953, the England team suffered their first ever home defeat when Hungary beat them 6-3. Sir Alf Ramsey and other former England players and managers recall how England went from international humiliation to World Cup winners in 13 years (s) (642343)

7.30 Scene: Trafford Tanzi. A play about women's rights (r) (Ceefax) (695)

8.00 Farnborough 96: The Aviation Business. The second of two programmes looks at a week of flying firsts and the crossroads faced by the British aviation industry. After Airbus and Eurofighter should Britain commit itself to further European collaboration or go forward with America? (s) (4121)

8.30 The Fred Dibnah Story. The Bolton steeplejack opts to holiday with a steam engine (Ceefax) (3256) **N.I.: War Walks**

9.00 Changing Rooms. Two neighbours transform a room in each other's homes — with a budget of £500 and a little professional help (Ceefax) (s) (6695)



Comedian Alexei Sayle (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **Great Railway Journeys: Aleppo to Aqaba.** The comedian Alexei Sayle journeys through the Middle East (Ceefax) (s) (46430)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (243904)

11.15 The Larry Sanders Show (Ceefax) (174985) **11.35 Seinfeld** (Ceefax) (s) (770343)

12.00-12.30am Grace Under Fire (s) (89676)

CHOICE

Big Cat Diary
BBC1, 8.00pm

Unlike most wildlife documentaries, which are not shown until they have been carefully shaped and edited, this series comes more or less straight from the camera's lens. A team from the BBC Natural History Unit has travelled to the Masai Mara in Kenya to follow day-by-day the lives of three big cat families: a pride of lions, a cheetah mother and cubs and a leopard with cub. Their stories will be set against the annual advance of the wildebeest onto the plains, a spectacular migration and one calculated to have the predators licking their lips. Having set its agenda, *Big Cat Diary* ventures into the unknown. The material will be presented in six weekly instalments, with the animals writing the script. The unpredictability, as well as the promise of striking footage, should make for a stimulating series.

Moving People
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Moving house may be a trauma on a par with divorce or bereavement but it can be wonderfully entertaining for those not involved. That is the premise of this new series which features three moves each week, with the subjects providing their own camcorder footage. What extraordinary people the programme has assembled. Not many couples would buy a house having seen it only on a video, but that is the Bengtssons. Their move from Cornwall to Ireland is a sit-com gone berserk. Hilary, an enterprising 29-year-old, does up London flats and sells them, moving several times a year. How she makes a profit in today's housing market is not explained. Finally we meet a Liverpool couple with 12 children. They are overjoyed when the council allocates them a larger house, only to receive a rubbishing from the tabloid press.

Great Railway Journeys
BBC2, 9.30pm

Alexei Sayle is our man on the train this week, travelling from Aleppo in Syria south to Jordan and finishing on the Gulf of Aqaba. Despite being a Western Jew he declares a special affinity for the Arab world, though this does not stop him being rude about the standard of its railways. The shadow of Lawrence of Arabia, whose contribution to the Middle East railway network was to blow up part of it, looms over the trip. Lawrence provides Sayle with a nice line in gags, not that he needs such a convenient prop. He can squeeze his brand of droll humour from most things, even the desperate state of Arab-Israeli politics. Only in the magnificent sandstone scenery of Petra are the jokes suspended and unfeigned awe temporarily takes over.

QED: Life on Ice
BBC1, 10.00pm

Head injuries, most of them sustained in road accidents, leave 11,000 Britons a year with permanent brain damage. In America the number is much higher. But an American surgeon has come up with an unconventional treatment that could cut such casualties by more than one third. Most brain damage is caused after the accident, as the original injury sets off a destructive chain reaction. Dr Guy Clifton's idea is to pack the body with ice and bring it to a state of hypothermia. Such cooling is designed to slow the brain's metabolism and prevent the damage. Filmed at Clifton's hospital at Houston in Texas, the programme is honest about the limitations of the treatment. It is not applicable to all cases. But there have been spectacular successes, notably a man who lay in a coma but was back at work in three months. **Peter Waymark**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (9111091)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (2708904) **9.55 Regional News** (3893985) **10.00 The Time . . . the Place** (s) (2764633) **10.35 This Morning** (64596169)

12.20pm Regional News (7276324) **12.30 ITN News** (Teletext) (2380459)

12.55 Shortland Street (2358850) **1.25 Coronation Street** (3805166) **2.00 Home and Away** (97971546) **2.25 Quisine** (97950053) **2.50 Vanessa** (7080430)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (7086430)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7085701)

3.30 Tots TV Classics (r) (s) (6263633) **3.40 The Parkies** (4408169) **3.50 Chatterhappy Ponies** (6234121) **4.05 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat** (s) (2065508) **4.15 Wolf it: the Next Generation** (Teletext) (s) (7696879)

4.40 NEW **Retrace.** Children's drama series. Harry, Zillah and Joe Fisher return from school to find no car, no food, no money and no father (Teletext) (8681362)

5.10 Wheel of Fortune with Nicky Campbell (8021576)

5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (695898)

6.00 Home and Away. Joey is having second thoughts about life outside the commune (r) (Teletext) (s) (985)

6.25 Regional News (Teletext) (839966)

6.50 Sportsweek (309140)

7.20 Champions League Live: Juventus v Manchester United. The opening game of this season's European tournament. Juventus of Italy, the defending champions, take on the English double winners Manchester United (17917184)



Sherrie Hewson stars (9.30pm)

9.30 Coronation Street. Maureen (Sherrie Hewson) has a date and Deirdre has a disappointing day (Teletext) (42558)

10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) (51121)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (451546)

10.40 Chiller: Prophecy (r) (Teletext) (s) (443817)

11.40 Champions League Highlights. Jim Rosenthal presents highlights of the opening games in this season's European tournament, with commentary by Brian Moore, John Helm and Peter Brackley. Glasgow Rangers are away to Grasshoppers of Zurich and AC Milan play Porto (391430)

12.45am God's Gift (7785367)

1.50 cyber.cafe (5195560)

2.15 Dear Nick with Dr Nick Fisher (700657)

3.15 Bushell on the Box (97299)

3.45 Nationwide Football League Extra (8829812)

4.30 The Time... the Place (14947)

5.00 Three's a Crowd (59522)

5.30 ITN Morning News (77831)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm Wales Tonight (252633)

6.50-7.20 Bob and Brian Broadcasting (309140)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.25pm Illuminations (7284343)

12.55 Coronation Street (2358850)

1.25-1.55 Quisine (68215053)

1.55 Home and Away (25343661)

2.25 Vanessa (97974633)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1812701)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8021576)

6.00 Westcountry Live (515430)

6.50-7.20 Wheel of Fortune (309140)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55pm Home and Away (2358850)

1.25 Quisine (68215053)

1.55 A Country Practice (32617701)

2.20 Vanessa (97975362)

2.50-3.20 Our House (7080430)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8021576)

6.25 Central News and Weather (252633)

6.50-7.20 Wheel of Fortune (309140)

12.45am Bushell on the Box (70522)

3.10 In Focus (6873831)

3.55 Jobfinder (9593170)

5.20 Asian Eye (9919980)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm Quisine (2358850)

1.25 Home and Away (68215053)

1.55 Shortland Street (32617701)

2.20 Vanessa (97975362)

2.50-3.20 Yan Can Cook (7080430)

5.10 Home and Away (8021576)

5.37-5.40 Three Minutes (870053)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (259546)

6.20 Antiques Trail (144140)

6.50-7.20 Wheel of Fortune (309140)

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (442898)

10.45 The Pier (787411)

11.10 The Listings (495140)

11.15-11.40 Good Advice (185091)

5.00am Freescreen (59522)

S4C

Starts: 6.35am Sharky and George (7047940) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (12430) **9.00 FILM: Gangway (1937),** Starring Jessie Matthews (82219351) **10.40 FILM: Reveille with Beverly (1943),** starring Ann Miller (1444324) **12.05pm The Goat** (8526742) **12.30 Bush Tucker Man** (18904) **1.00 Slot Melfrin: Migmas ac Anturiaethau Smot Y Ci** (22817) **1.30 Last Safari** (5595188) **2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster** (85022850) **4.30 Australia Wild** (362) **5.00 5 Pump: Rownd a Rownd** (8200053) **5.15 5 Pump: Pfeil** (7980879) **5.30 Countdown** (614) **6.00 Newyddion 6/ News** (524362) **6.15 Heno** (358099) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (446430) **7.25 Cwist** (604343) **8.00 Hwyl Y Noson Lawen** (9817) **8.30 Newyddion / News** (8324) **9.00 Cutting Edge: The Sextuplet Business** (2362) **10.00 Brookside** (82091) **10.30 American Gothic** (35140) **11.30 Cybill** (71695) **12.00am Homicide — Life on the Street** (71744)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Sharky and George (7047940)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (12430)

9.00 FILM: Gangway (1937) with Jessie Matthews. Sparkling British musical. Directed by Sonnie Hale (82219351)

10.40 FILM: Reveille with Beverly (1943). Musical with Ann Mille and Larry Parks. Directed by Charles Barton (1444324)

12.05pm The Goat. Buster Keaton short, with the comic genius waiting in a queue for bread (8526742)

12.30 Garden Doctors (3/6) (r) (16904) **1.00 Sesame Street** (1729782) **1.55 Australia Wild** (27143643)

2.25 Channel 4 Racing (85022850)

4.30 Countdown (362) **5.00 Ricki Lake: I'm in Love with Two Women** (2059343) **5.45 Travelog Treks.** Alsace (969985)

6.00 Party of Five (513072)

6.50 Fresh Pop (630782)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (451188)

7.55 Books of the Century (761411)

8.00 Brookside (9817)



Hilary Charlwood (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Moving People.** An intimate look at moving house (8324)

9.00 Ellen: The Movie Show. Carrie Fisher decides to shoot her new movie in Ellen's bookstore (4091)

9.30 The Lovers. Geoff plays *Scrabble* with Beryl and Mum instead of going to night school. With Richard Beckinsale and Paula Wilcox (r) (98140)

10.00 American Gothic: Plague Sower. A plague of blood descends on Trinity and as the townspeople start dying, Dr Matt Crower (Jake Weber) suffers a nervous breakdown (2121)

11.00 The Naked Truth: Sewer Gator, Swordplay, Santa from Hell. Nora offers Camilla some advice that sees Camilla sacked (3508)

11.30 Cheers: My Fair Clavin Cliff buys an apartment and finds a girlfriend (71695)

12.00 Manningham Diaries. Powerful documentary using the diaries of real-life prostitutes working in the red-light area of Bradford (6830589)

12.35am Midnight Underground: A Day in the Life with Helena Goldwater. An *avant garde* romp through a fictional day in the life of Helena Goldwater, "the British answer to Sandra Bernhard" (5764251)

1.00 Caitlin. Film inspired by the love letters between Dylan Thomas and his wife Caitlin, which dramatises their love affair (8962763)

1.10 Fanci's Persuasion. Surreal film set in San Francisco (9532793)

2.25 Desert Rose. From the cottonwoods, lakes and desert of southern Nevada to the casinos, hotels and wedding chapels of Las Vegas (3306947)

2.55 Lisa and Jean. The two heroines, one with a licence to kill, the other a jailbird, are on the run through 1960s Europe (4216812) Ends at **3.05**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (49508) **9.00** Press Your Luck (7148430) **9.25** Love Connection (8964121) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (1174091) **10.40** Jeopardy! (6861782) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (9430546) **12.00** Geraldo (59275) **1.00pm** Animal Practice (42696) **1.30** Designing Women (394111) **2.00** Jenny Jones (36546) **3.00** Court TV (6633) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (1195904) **4.15** Undun (7638985) **5.00** Quantum Leap (7985) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (55459) **7.00** LAPD (8614) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4140) **8.00** Police Stop! 4 (74508) **9.00** The Outer Limits (87072) **10.00** Quantum Leap (97459) **11.00** Highlander (52072) **12.00** Midnight Caller (91622) **1.00am** LAPD (76812) **1.30** Anything But Love (23218) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (55893)

SKY 2

7.00pm The Simpsons (1626838) **7.30** Sea Rescue (6826169) **8.00** Tekwar (4309411) **9.00** Sidney Sheldon's the Sands of Time (4319898) **11.00** Late Show, with David Letterman (4430481) **12.00** Hit Mix Long Play (3933657)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

6.00am Sunrise (2989633) **9.30** Destinations (15256) **10.30** ABC Nightline (27188) **1.30pm** CBS News (82430) **2.30** CBS News (70324) **3.30** Destinations (6362) **6.30** Tonight, with Adam Boulton (3898) **7.30** Sportsline (76782) **8.30** Newsmaker (4411) **11.30** CBS News (53072) **12.30am** ABC World News (29980) **1.30** Tonight, with Adam Boulton Replay (58763) **2.30** Newsmaker (70560) **3.30** Destinations (87395) **4.30** CBS News (64812) **5.30** ABS World News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Gay Divorcee (1934) (65409) **8.00 Cold River (1982)** (27898) **10.00 Josh and S.A.M. (1993)** (41256) **12.00 The Southern Star (1969)** (12891) **2.00pm A Christmas to Remember (1978)** (71411) **4.00 Babe Ruth (1991)** (48817) **6.00 Josh and S.A.M. (1993)** (44140) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (50098) **8.00 The Specialist (1994)** (63492) **10.00 Madonna: Innocence Lost (1994)** (525256) **11.35 Object of Obsession (1994)** (381169) **1.15am Gunmen (1994)** (5298912) **2.50 Dragstrip Girl (1994)** (60977225) **4.10-6.00 Fete is the Hunter (1994)** (670283)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Random Harvest (1942) (25388633) **2.10pm Little Shop of Horrors (1961)** (2935558) **4.00 David and Bathsheba (1951)** (1121) **6.00 From Hell to Victory (1979)** (623343) **8.00 Brighton Beach Memoirs (1986)** (72188) **10.00 Christine (1983)** (45545) **12.00 Hard to Kill (1990)** (265855) **1.40am Compulsion (1959)** (872541) **3.25-5.00 Little Shop of Horrors (1961)** (868454)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

7.30am Gabrielle and the Doodleman (1984) (2188343) **8.45 Travels of Marco Polo (1993)** (545617) **9.45 The Greatest Story Ever Told (1965)** (80976966) **12.55pm Killer's Kiss (1955)** (8943072) **2.05 Fail-Safe (1964)** (373343) **4.00 Gabrielle and the Doodleman (1984)** (63904) **5.00 Travels of Marco Polo (1993)** (4445) **6.00 Rise and Walk: The Dennis Byrd Story (1994)** (99817) **8.00 There Goes My Baby (1994)** (94362) **10.00 Quiz Show (1994)** (63296879) **12.15am Heaven and Earth (1993)** (29132562) **2.35 Movers and Shakers (1985)** (9085473) **4.00-6.00 Escape from Terror: The Teresa Stamper Story (1994)** (345541)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.

6.00am Bonkers (1791140) **6.25** Mouse Tracks (1710275) **6.50** Darkwing Duck (3301072) **7.15** Quack Attack (5488184) **7.40** Aladdin (1737898) **8.05** Timon and Pumbaa (7534761) **8.30** Bonkers (37237) **9.00** Mouse Tracks (51817) **9.30** Lamb Chops Play Along! (65508) **10.00** Muppet Babies (41527) **10.30** Adventures in Wonderland (40701) **11.00** Quack Attack (34430) **11.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (42459) **12.00** Fraggle Rock (31053) **12.30pm** Lamb Chops Play Along! (69324) **1.00** Timon and Pumbaa (81633) **1.30** Aladdin (69695) **2.00** Darkwing Duck (8898) **2.30** Walt Disney Presents (3859188) **3.25** Mouse Tracks (7365459) **3.50** Darkwing Duck (2489411) **4.15** Bonkers (8053140) **4.35** Timon and Pumbaa (2535508) **5.00** Aladdin (2850) **5.30** Ghostwriter (1091) **6.00** Crossbow (8904) **6.30** Blossom (9256) **7.00** Home Improvement (2614) **7.30** Tales of the Serengeti (52140) **8.30** Second Noah (82966) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement (89188)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Cycling (42237) **9.00** Indycar (75633) **10.30** Football (688140) **1.00pm** Water Skiing (80879) **1.30** Eurofun (39168) **2.00** Cycling (5782) **2.30** Cycling — Live (66896) **4.00** Football (87508) **5.00** Motors (5169) **6.00** Formula 1 (48817) **7.00** Body Building (86350) **8.00** Prime Time Boxing Special (23898) **9.00** Fitness (36362) **10.00** Four-wheels (265576) **10.30** Formula 1 (12904) **11.00** Tennis (88237) **11.30-12.30am** Cycling (93614)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (89140) **7.30** Wrestling (60633) **8.30** Racing News (76053) **9.00** Sports Centre (97695) **9.30** Aerobics (34614) **10.00** Asian Football (58689) **11.00** Sunday League Cricket (84695) **12.00** Aerobics (17459) **12.30pm** Footballer's Football (36275) **1.30** Asian Football (37904) **2.30** Watersports World (65898) **3.30** Windsurfing Tour (8508) **4.00** Drag Racing (2463) **4.30** The World at Their Feet (6527) **4.59** Sports Centre (5051091) **5.00** Wrestling Superstars (3701) **8.00** Sports Centre (7492) **6.30** Grass Roots Rugby (1072) **7.00** Show Jumping Spruce Meadows (75207966) **8.55** Sports Centre (613121) **9.00** The Pavilion End (18966) **10.00** Sports Centre (18188) **10.30** Futbol Mundial (94508) **11.00** Grass Roots Rugby (93169) **11.30** Show Jumping. Spruce Meadows (82324) **1.30am** Inside the PGA Tour (69034) **2.00** The Pavilion End (73270) **3.00-3.30** Sports Centre (13524)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Beach Volleyball (77516546) **1.00pm** Golf Extra: US PGA Seniors — the Boone Valley Classic (50796904) **4.30** Water Ski Jump Classic (16054966) **5.00** Asian Football (66708527) **6.00** Beach Volleyball (77505430) **7.00** Sports Centre (66709256) **7.30** Golf Extra: US PGA Seniors — the Boone Valley Classic (88306140) **11.00** WaterSki Jump Classic (52630072) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (53090099)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** General Christian Entertainment **5.00** Kenneth and Gloria Copeland: Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Hit Song **6.15** This is Your Day **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (6243168) **7.55** As the World Turns (9757275) **8.50** Peyton Place (6453459) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (2562895) **10.10-11.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00 Boomerang (9938256) **11.30** Dive the World (6939985) **12.00** California's Gold (2043072) **12.30pm** Real Food of China (7389324) **1.00** Getaway (4444850) **1.30** Round Trip (7388985) **2.00** Sports Vacations (5894140) **2.30** Cruising (6753188) **3.00** Globetrotter (5813275) **3.30-4.00** Around the World (6758633)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography (6929508) **5.00** Civil War Journal (5804527) **6.00** Mittel Europe (7397343) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Outlaws and Villains (8136985)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from **9pm-4am** Monday - Wednesday and **1am-4am** Thursday - Sunday on satellite, and from **8am-4am** every day on cable.

8.00pm Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories (5814904) **8.30** Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories (5893411) **9.00 FILM: Captain Power — the Legend Begins** (56502576) **10.55** Buzz Bytes (9298411) **11.05** Friday the 13th (1370121) **12.00** The Incredible Hulk (8927812) **1.00am** Tales of the Unexpected (6096928) **1.30** New Alfred Hitchcock (7240015) **2.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (9650086) **2.30** Rod Serling's Night Gallery (9662831) **3.00** Friday the 13th (9011386) **3.55-4.00** Quatro (28251378)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (49441888) **9.30** The Garden Show (5842140) **10.00** Two's Country (2271614) **10.30** Home Again (4933072) **11.00** Furniture to Go (4027362) **11.30** Room Service (4028091) **12.00** Julia Child (4924324) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (5853256) **1.00** Simply Delicious Versatile Vegetables (4960188) **1.30** This Old House (5852527) **2.00** This Old House (4657169) **2.30** Garden Club (2805188) **3.00** Fishing Adventures (4663904) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (2800633)



Ralph Fiennes stars in *Quiz Show* (Movie Channel, 10.00pm)

UK GOLD

7.00am Happy Ever After (4963275) **7.30** Give Us A Clue (4942782) **8.00** Neighbours (2901701) **8.25** EastEnders (2199256) **9.00** The Bill (4946546) **9.30** The Sullivans (5851898) **10.00** Big Deal (4948966) **11.00** Bullseye (4096492) **11.30** Tellystack (4097121) **12.00** Sale of the Century (4926782) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5856614) **1.00** EastEnders (8474527) **1.35** Rosie (9742633) **2.20** Up the Elephant and Round the Castle (28485430) **2.50** Get Some In! (6090411) **3.30** The Bill (2602091) **4.00** Juliet Bravo (4010072) **5.00** Bullseye (4640879) **5.30** George and Mildred (2801362) **6.00** Tellystack **6.30** EastEnders (3131188) **7.05** Ken Dodd's World of Laughter (4248966) **7.55** Funny You Ask (8945188) **8.25** On the Up (3280121) **9.00** Kinsey (5882188) **10.00** The Bill (9500966) **10.35** Reginald Perrin (1254072) **11.05** Out (3705121) **12.15am FILM: And the Waltz Came Tumbling Down** (26785296)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (1713362) **6.20** Meltdown: Cybernet (1784850) **6.45** Degrassi Junior High (134430) **7.15** Ready or Not (131343) **7.45** California Dreams (130614) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (386966) **8.45** Art Attack (4936324) **9.00** Tiny and Crew (24850) **11.00** Dinobabies (47904) **11.30** Jim Henson's Animal Show (48633) **12.00** Barney (44527) **12.30pm** Oscar's Orchestra (72898) **1.00** Casper and Friends (61878) **1.30** Tiny and Crew (87237) **3.00** Degrassi Junior High (9409) **3.30** Ready or Not (2966) **4.00** California Dreams (4701) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (2035)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (92701) **6.30** Biker Mice from Mars (55695) **7.00** Rocko's Modern Life (87782) **7.30** Rugrats (58607) **8.00** Doug (26594) **8.30** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (76035) **9.00** Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego (95237) **9.30** Wishbone (32256) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (3151256) **10.10** Busy World of Richard Scarry (4836527) **10.35** Mr Men (6060362) **10.40** Henry's Cat (6067275) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (3219527) **11.00** BBC Block (82237) **12.00** Clarissa Explains It All (76071) **12.30pm** Sister Sister (38072) **1.00** Beber (86053) **1.30** Littlest Pet Shop (35343) **2.00** Little Bear Stories (8256) **2.30** BBC Block (16140) **3.30** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (9850) **4.00** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (8985) **4.30** Rugrats (8050121) **4.45** Doug (8088904) **5.00** Sister Sister (9508) **5.30** Sister Sister (8121) **6.00** Space Cases (8362) **6.30** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (9614)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm You're in the Army Now (4018614) **5.00** Time Travellers (4631121) **5.30** Jurassica 2 (2809904) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5881275) **7.00** Wild Things: Giants of the Outback (4851985) **7.30** Mysterious Forces Beyond (2888053) **8.00** Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe (4860833) **8.30** Ghosthunters (4649140) **9.00** Unexplained — History's Mysteries (5973430) **10.00** 21st-Century Airport (6983817) **11.00-12.00** Bad Trip to Edgewood (4947237)

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (5869817) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (5845237) **2.00** The New Avengers (2278169) **3.00** Land of the Giants (4026633) **4.00 FILM: Echoes of a Summer** (4667546) **6.00** Thunderbirds (5858701) **7.00** Monkey (5971072) **8.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (5957492) **9.00** Starsky and Hutch (5977256) **10.00-12.00 FILM: One Million Years BC** (4025904)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (2072) **7.30** Entertainment (5888) **8.00** Wings (8492) **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (7527) **9.00** Soap (89966) **9.30** Taxi (23508) **10.00** Entertainment (26530) **10.30** The A List (85850) **11.00** Sledgehammer (84411) **11.30** Frontline (75459) **12.00** Bob (61218) **12.30am** I Love Lucy (14812) **1.00** Soap (10270) **1.30** Taxi (57676) **2.00** Entertainment (61589) **2.30** Sledgehammer (40096) **3.00** The A List (30034) **3.30-4.00** Wings

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (4807430) **7.00** Esther (8694343) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (2488053) **8.20** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (1033850) **8.55** Catchword (8964362) **9.35** Call the Doctor (2964188) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (8802459) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (1938458) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7345492) **11.55** Brookside (48038546) **12.25pm** Trivial Pursuit (41180121) **12.50** Gabrielle (7566324) **1.40** Rolanda (6035481) **2.30** The Agony Experience (2134614) **3.00** Live at Three (9497966) **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? (2126966) **4.30** Talkabout (4381343) **5



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England bring Tufnell back into the fold



Former Arsenal manager handed task of halting decline at Elland Road

Leeds bring Graham out of exile

BY PETER BALL

GEORGE GRAHAM'S exile from football has ended after 17 months. Leeds United appointed him manager yesterday in succession to Howard Wilkinson, who was dismissed on Monday.

Graham will start with a 2½-year contract. His only comment on its value yesterday was that it is "a big one", and informed speculation suggests it is unlikely to be worth less than £300,000 a year.

"I met George for the first time at 7am this morning, that's how quick it was," Bill Fotherby, the Leeds managing director said, adding: "There was no question of getting one manager out to get another in."

The appointment came as no surprise, however. Graham is known to be close to Richard Thompson, a neighbour in Hampstead and the owner of the Caspian Group, the club's new owners. His name had been linked with Leeds since the end of his one-year ban from the game for accepting a £285,000 "bung" from Rune Hauge, the Norwegian agent, for transfer dealings.

"What happened to George was discussed by myself and my fellow directors," Fotherby said, "and we decided it should not be an issue. The problems of the past had no effect on our decision. Quite simply, he is the best man for the job."

Graham said that he never doubted he would get another job, adding: "It's nice to be back." On his record, Leeds could hardly have made a better choice. He won six trophies in eight years with Arsenal, including two League championships, in 1989 and 1991, and an FA and Coca-Cola Cup double in 1993, leading on to the Cup Winners' Cup a year later.

For his part, Leeds represents the big stage he wants, unlike Manchester City, whom he turned down last week. While City's search continues unsuccessfully, Sheffield United yesterday refusing them permission to approach Howard Kendall, Leeds did not have to ask Graham twice. "The stature of the club made the decision easier," he said. "I didn't think City was right for me. City aren't in the Premiership. Leeds are, and that's where I've been for the past ten years.

"It was important that I came back at a club which offered the opportunity for success at the same level as I enjoyed at Arsenal. It's a big challenge, a big club. I've seen what Leeds can be like when they're having success, and I thought that, if I can get that back again, Leeds will be very big, up with the giants."

The Leeds fans, who turned against Wilkinson, will expect nothing less. "I didn't promise to win anything at Arsenal, just that we would be challenging for trophies, and that is what I expect at Leeds," Graham said.

Whether the fans will enjoy the methods remains to be seen. Arsenal supporters had few complaints until things began to go wrong at the end, but Graham, like Wilkinson, is a man for method rather than self-expression, although his Arsenal team's clenched-fist approach will not be foreign to the Leeds tradition.

"At Highbury, we had fantastic team spirit, great passion and attitude," he said. "The side didn't lie down and get beaten easily, and that's what we've got to get here. When Leeds were successful, sides didn't like coming here, and that's what we want again."

He has also shown himself to be, in his own words, "a canny operator" in the transfer market. As Wilkinson failed to spend the money injected by Caspian before he was dismissed, Graham will have around £10 million at his disposal. It is a significant sum if he goes abroad: less so if he buys at home, a market in which he has proved adept, at least until the dog days of his eight years at Highbury.

At Arsenal, he also proved successful in bringing on a group of excellent young players. There is another group at Leeds, although Graham yesterday was, as always, being cautious. "I haven't seen Leeds this season, so I don't know the players," he said. "But my strength is working with and assessing players, and I shall do that.

"At Highbury, I was fortunate to join a club which had a very talented group of young players, and then we got things right with some shrewd buying in the lower divisions. That's more difficult now."

For the moment, he has not decided on an assistant. David O'Leary, his regular golfing partner during his year out, and Stewart Houston, his assistant at Arsenal, are among the favourites. Whether he will also return to Highbury for any of his old players is likely to provoke much speculation in the coming days, although Tony Adams, the commanding defender Leeds need, is unlikely to be available.

Wilkinson was not the only person to leave Leeds this week. Peter Gilman, one of the three major shareholders, along with Fotherby and the former chairman, Leslie Silver, was voted off the board yesterday. Gilman had opposed the sale to Caspian in the summer.

PAUL BARKER



Graham relaunches his managerial career after a 17-month absence with a kick-start at Elland Road yesterday

FACTFILE

1944: Born Bargeddie, Scotland, November 30
1962: Signs for Aston Villa
1964: Transfers to Chelsea for £6,000
1966: Joins Arsenal for £50,000
1970: Helps Arsenal to win Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, beating Anderlecht in final.
1971: Is key member of Arsenal's League and FA Cup double-winning side
1972: Joins Manchester United after winning first of 12 Scotland caps.
1974: Transfers to Portsmouth
1976: Moves to Crystal Palace
1977: Retires from playing and works part-time as barman before taking coaching job at Queens Park Rangers. Moves to Crystal Palace as coach
1982: Joins Millwall as manager
1985: Guides Millwall to promotion from old third division
1986: Becomes Arsenal manager in May and wins League Cup in first season
1989: Leads Arsenal to first League title for 18 years thanks to decisive injury-time goal by Michael Thomas in final match of season at Anfield
1991: Takes Arsenal to title again
1993: Presides over Arsenal's FA Cup and Coca-Cola Cup double.
1994: Crowns Cup Winners' Cup campaign with 1-0 victory over Parma in final.
1995: Arsenal terminate his contract on February 21 after Premier League inquiry concludes he did not act in best interests of the club. Is found guilty of misconduct by FA over allegations that he took "bung" during transfer dealings
1996: Worldwide ban ends on June 30. Turns down offer to become new manager of Manchester City. Becomes manager of Leeds United, 24 hours after Howard Wilkinson is sacked

Lee finds offer to buy City shares tempting

BY DAVID MADDOCK

FRANCIS LEE, the Manchester City chairman, is considering an offer from an as yet unnamed consortium to buy a controlling interest in the Nationwide League first division club.

The bidder has appointed a broker to secure a 60 per cent stake, and it is understood that Lee is giving serious thought to the proposal. The offer would be worth more than £30 million, giving Lee a profit on his original investment of £10 million.

Lee has made it clear that he has not had any official approach from an Arab consortium. Reports suggested that Prince Walid Iben Talal, of Saudi Arabia, had launched a bid for the club, but Lee denied all knowledge of any such approach yesterday.

Two likelier candidates are David Whelan, the former Blackburn Rovers player, who is now the owner of a sportswear chain, JJB Sports. Whelan is already involved in football with Wigan Athletic, and it is now believed that he would like to become more seriously involved, at Maine Road. Another possible candidate is the Conrad group that was unsuccessful in a bid for Leeds United. The consortium contains two Manchester businessmen.

If Lee decides to sell, then Stephen Boler, still the major shareholder at Manchester City with a 29 per cent stake, would follow suit. Speaking last week, he said he has received offers for his shares, but would only sell if Lee agrees.

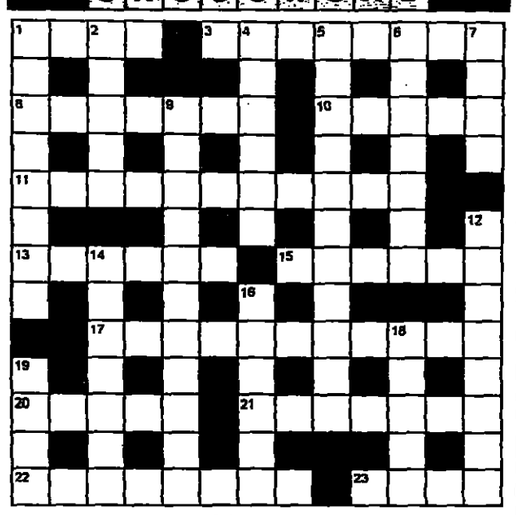
It is unlikely that the interested parties will launch a hostile takeover bid, because Lee has share options which would give him a majority control at the club.

If the bid is successful, it could be completed next week, but Lee may remain as chairman to give the supporters a popular figurehead.

☐ The *Bundesliga* side, 1860 Munich, signed Abedi Pelé, the Ghana striker, on a free transfer from Torino yesterday. Pelé, 33, a member of the Olympique Marseille team that won the European Cup in 1993, will replace Olaf Bodden, who has a viral infection.

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No 884

ACROSS
1 Church recess (4)
3 Printer's star (8)
8 Into which things disappear mysteriously (4,3)
10 Store: regimental HQ (5)
11 Trivial; to be disdained (3,3,5)
13 Cowardly (6)
15 Conceal; protect; vet (6)
17 Roadmenders' vehicle; crush (dissent) (11)
20 Macbeth's Cawdor title (5)
21 Making verses; sort of slang (7)
22 Itinerant singer once (8)
23 In this place (4)

DOWN
1 Clever deceit; a device (8)
2 Winter sportsman (5)
4 Copyist; Jewish theologian once (6)
5 Not in the phone book (2-9)
6 Deadlocked situation (7)
7 Friends (as opposed to kin) (4)
9 Feat (11)
12 Fascinate; plot (8)
14 Not vote (7)
16 Come forth (6)
18 Orleans river (5)
19 Plant support; restrain (4)

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ACROSS: 1 Base 3 Shadowed 8 Guru 9 Slovenia 11 Up to a point 14 Gantry 15 Choice 17 Bitter pill 20 Unlikely 21 Dire 22 Remember 23 Chat
DOWN: 1 Begrudge 2 Scrutiny 4 Hollow 5 Devonshire 6 Wine 7 Draw 10 Fair dinkum 12 Diminish 13 Hell-bent 16 Atilee 18 Burr 19 Glum

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2nd PRIZE of a return ticket to anywhere on BRITISH MIDLAND'S domestic network isxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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